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February 28, 2009

Dear Constituent,

On February 13, I voted for and the House of Representatives passed the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)*, which President Obama signed into law on February 17, 2009.

I voted for the ARRA because I believe that we must mitigate further hemorrhaging of jobs to avoid a deeper, more protracted recession. I also believe these actions will promote a more rapid recovery.

The ARRA injects \$787 billion (approximately 5% of GDP) into the economy through approximately \$270 billion in tax cuts for individuals and small businesses -- providing 95% of American workers with an immediate tax cut -- and approximately \$311 billion in increased government investment, and \$267 billion of direct spending.

I am pleased to provide you with this *Resource Directory* for the ARRA. It is intended to be a starting point -- providing detailed information on the provisions of this bill, and importantly, making readily available contact information and web-site references. The Directory is organized by the Federal Government Department administering the provisions of ARRA, and where possible contact information for Pennsylvania, regional, or local organizations. In many cases, the law provides added funding for existing programs at the Federal and State level. In some cases, for new programs, detailed implementation plans may not yet be available, but the website location is provided for future reference. The Directory will be available on my website. It will be updated weekly (each Friday) for new information.

In addition, to promote accountability and transparency, the ARRA requires the President to maintain a website detailing where the federal money is planned and going forward is being spent. I would encourage you also to regularly visit this site, <http://www.recovery.gov> for further information on accessing Recovery funds.

I look forward to working with all local, state, federal, and educational organizations to ensure that the constituents of the 7th Congressional District have access to all eligible funding contained with ARRA.

Sincerely,


M.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome>

Food and Nutrition Service

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/>

\$19.9 BILLION FOR 13% INCREASE IN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRICIAN ASSISTANCE (SNAP) (FOOD STAMP) PAYMENTS

Implementation: Memo on adjustments posted on website. Takes effect April 1st, 2009. Amounts to \$80 increase. Information about eligibility, how to apply for the program and updates are included on the website below

Contact: Nicole Pollard, 202-720-2768

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>

\$150 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

\$3.6 MILLION ALLOCATED TO PENNSYLVANIA THROUGH PA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMODITY ASSISTANCE

Implementation: Memo detailing funds allocated to states posted on website (3/2/09). Takes effect March 2009.

Memo describing procedures to award funds out of the total awarded to Pennsylvania: \$2.87 million. State agencies will need to file for these grants by June 8, 2009. This memo can be found on the website and is posted below (posted 3/9/09).

Eligibility: The Department of Agriculture anticipates additional dollars for Commodity Assistance/ The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) which is administered by the Bureau of Food Distribution. The Department will work directly with USDA to provide feedback on what food products are preferred for Pennsylvania food warehouses. The USDA will purchase appropriate foods based on the Departments recommendations.

Contact: Russell Redding
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PA Department of Agriculture
(717) 783-6985
rredding@state.pa.us

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/tefap_ARRA_030209.pdf
http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery/memos/SP_18-2009_sa.pdf
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/>

\$100 MILLION TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTANCE IN PURCHASING EQUIPMENT WITH PRIORITY FOR LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS FOR THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Implementation: State will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will award \$3.3

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million in equipment assistance for school cafeterias. As required by the United States Department of Agriculture, grants to school districts will be awarded on a competitive basis with preference given to schools where at least 50% of students are eligible for free and reduced-price lunch. The Department of Education will release guidelines within 30 days of the federal government providing additional information to states.

Funding shall be provided to States administering a school lunch program in a manner proportional with each States' administrative expense allocation. States shall provide competitive grants to school food authorities based upon the need for equipment assistance in participating schools with priority given to school in which not less than 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch>

\$500 MILLION FOR THE WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

Implementation: \$100 million of that amount will be distributed to WIC State Agencies the remainder of the funds will be awarded on a competitive basis according to the established practices. More information about eligibility and applying for the program can be found on the website listed below.

Contact: Greg Landis, Director
Pennsylvania Department of Health
Division of WIC
2150 Herr Street, 1st Floor, Suite B
Harrisburg, PA 17103
email: Grlandis@state.pa.us
website: <http://www.pawic.com>

Website: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

Natural Resources Conservation Service

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/recovery/>

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/implementation.html>

\$340 MILLION FOR NRCS RECOVERY ACT PROGRAMS: The Recovery Act funding for NRCS is located under the following three programs:

\$50 MILLION FOR WATERSHED REHABILITATION

Program Description: The authority for rehabilitation of aging watershed dams is included in section 14 of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (PL 83-566). Any of the over 11,000 dams in 47 states that were constructed

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under the four watershed programs (PL-534, PL-566, Pilot, or RC&D) are eligible for assistance under this authority. Many of these dams are nearing the end of their 50-year design life. Rehabilitation of these dams is needed to address critical public health and safety issues in these communities. Priority for funding of projects is based on a priority ranking system that considers the condition of the dam and number of people at risk if the dam should fail. NRCS may provide technical assistance and 65% of the total rehabilitation project cost. (Additional Watershed Rehabilitation Information)

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/WSRehab/index.html>

\$145 MILLION FOR FOR WATERSHED OPERATIONS

Program Description: This voluntary program provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566), and designated watersheds authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1944 (P.L. 78-534). NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to States, local governments and Tribes (as project sponsors) to implement authorized watershed project plans for the purpose of watershed protection; flood mitigation; water quality improvements; soil erosion reduction; rural, municipal and industrial water supply; irrigation water management; sediment control; fish and wildlife enhancement; and wetlands and wetland function creation and restoration. There are over 1,500 active or completed watershed projects. (Additional Watershed Operations Information)

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/watershed/index.html>

\$145,000,000 (\$30,000,000 MAXIMUM FOR ANY ONE STATE) FOR FLOODPLAIN EASEMENTS

Program Description: Floodplain easements restore, protect, maintain, and enhance the functions of the floodplain; conserve natural values including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, flood water retention, ground water recharge, and open space; reduce long-term federal disaster assistance; and safeguard lives and property from floods, drought, and the products of erosion. NRCS may purchase easements on floodplain lands that meet program criteria. Purchases are based upon established priorities. The easement provides NRCS with the authority to restore and enhance the floodplain's functions and values. Landowners retain several rights to the property, including quiet enjoyment, the right to control public access, and the right to undeveloped recreational use such as hunting and fishing.

Website: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/Floodplain/index.html>

\$11.9 MILLION FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: Neshaminy Creek, Bucks County, \$10,075,000. This funding will be used to acquire, elevate and flood-protect approximately 80 homes and/or

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businesses in the lower Neshaminy Creek 100-year flood plain. The project will improve public health and safety by substantially reducing flood damages.

Tulpehocken Creek, Berks and Lebanon Counties, \$1,375,000. This funding will be used to treat agricultural non-point pollution to improve water quality, restore aquatic habitat and sustain agricultural productivity. It is a locally sponsored and locally lead effort to improve Tulpehocken Creek and Blue Marsh Lake and also address regional objectives of the Schuylkill River Action Network and the Delaware Estuary Program. An estimated 14 new and 18 existing long term agreements with agricultural producers will be completed.

Red-White Clay Creeks, Chester County, \$430,000. This funding will be used to treat agricultural non-point source pollution, primarily from mushroom production, to improve water quality, restore aquatic habitat, reduce agricultural odors and improve domestic and livestock water supplies. It is a locally sponsored and locally lead effort to improve the Red and White Clay Creeks and address regional objectives of the Christina River Basin and the Delaware Estuary Program. An estimated 4 new and 10 existing long term agreements with agricultural producers will be completed.

Brandywine Creek, Chester County, \$20,000. The funds will be used to complete implementation of the wetland mitigation measures. The project is the final phase of completing a larger multiple purpose flood control dam that substantially reduces flood.

State Contact: Either Hosea Latshaw, State Conservation Engineer at 717-237-2212 or Craig Derickson, Pa NRCS, State Conservationist, at 717-237-2203 or myself at if you have additional questions.

County Contacts: Delaware County: 610-892-9484
Chester County: 610-925-4920
Montgomery County: 610-489-4506

Website: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127144>

Rural Development Department

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

\$1.38 BILLION FOR RURAL WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS (ALSO SMALL MUNICIPALITIES)

Implementation: Grants and loans for water and wastewater infrastructure projects in rural areas, cities and towns with populations of 10,000 or less. USDA Rural

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Development released more than \$400 million in pending applications for Rural Water and Waste Grants and \$140 million in pending applications for Rural Water and Waste Direct Loans.

Local Project:

Rayburn Township Joint Municipal Authority- \$6,603,660	Pegasus Sewer Authority - \$14,223,000 Montrose Municipal Authority - \$11,300,000
Hyndman Borough - \$2,280,000	New Berlin Municipal Authority - \$5,840,400
Lower Ten Mile Run, Phase II - \$11,696,500	Menallen Township Sewer Authority - \$5,465,800
Garrett Borough - \$310,000	Sandy Township Municipal Authority - \$5,838,000

Contact: Lebanon Area Office
2120 Cornwall Road, Suite 7, Lebanon, PA 17042-9790
(717) 272-3908, ext. 6 (Phone)
(717) 273-0357 (Fax)

Website: <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=127144>
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/>

\$10 BILLION FOR THE SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM

Implementation: Pennsylvania will receive \$245,347,980. The first wave of this funding was announced April 1, 2009. Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will initially provide 15,000 rural families with \$1.76 billion in loan guarantees for homeownership financing, creating or saving approximately 7,500 jobs. Once all Recovery Act funding for rural housing is released (\$7 billion directly to states and \$3 billion held in reserve for higher need areas), it is estimated that 42,500 jobs will be created or saved.

Contact: Region 7 office: (610) 489-1003
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
Route 113, PO Box 300
Creamery, PA 19430-0300

Website: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/04/0083.xml

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

http://www.commerce.gov/

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

<http://www.nist.gov/index.html>

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\$220 MILLION FOR *Scientific and Technical Research and Services (STRS)* WORK, INCLUDING RESEARCH INTO TECHNOLOGY WITH HIGH-GROWTH POTENTIAL AND TECHNOLOGY GRANTS TO SMALL AND MID-SIZE MANUFACTURERS

Implementation:

Applications for funding will be available from website below as instructions are posted for specific competitions.

Through STRS, NIST's funding provides for investment in "research, competitive grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies." NIST's Recovery Plan calls for:

- \$119 million for high-value research and measurement equipment to be purchased through a competitive award process;
- \$35 million for competitive research grants for measurement science in NIST priority areas;
- \$22 million to expand the NIST Postdoctoral Fellowship program to create postdoctoral fellowships for recent Ph.D.s and to extend some existing fellowships through the end of FY 2010;
- \$20 million for a grant to one or more organizations to provide additional scientist and engineer fellowships;
- \$5 million in competitive contracts for small businesses under the Small Business Innovation Research program;
- \$5 million in competitive contracts to assist in activities associated with smart grid devices and systems;
- \$5 million in competitive research contracts for specific areas of cybersecurity that advance NIST's mission and address national priorities for protecting cyberspace; and
- \$9 million in contracts to improve NIST information technology infrastructure for improving measurements and research.

Contact:

Melinda Chukran (301) 975- 6478 or 301-975-3080

Website:

<http://www.nist.gov/index.html>

\$360 MILLION FOR FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE BACKLOG

Implementation:

Will follow normal government contracting and procurement channels.

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None of the facilities are in the area of the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District.

- 68.5 million to complete funding for a precision measurement laboratory at NIST's site in Boulder, CO. This funding includes enhancements in the performance and capacity of the advanced laboratory; construction of a state-of-the-art clean room, essential for the most advanced research in nanotechnology, quantum information, and ultra-precise atomic clocks; and higher-performance outfitting of laboratories tailored to individual research and measurement projects
- \$39 million to carry out safety, capacity, maintenance and major repair projects that enhance the performance of NIST's aging facilities
- \$16 million for energy- and water-saving support infrastructure at NIST's Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) Expansion Project
- \$16 million to fund the design and construction of a National Structural Fire Resistance Laboratory, a unique resource that studies how fires start and propagate in various structures, and how those fires can be prevented and suppressed - research that could save thousands of lives and billions of dollars in property damage
- \$15 million to fund the design and construction of facilities across the country that will improve the synchronization to NIST time of tens of millions of consumer clocks, watches and other timepieces;
- \$9 million for relocation and consolidation of advanced robotics and logistics operations;
- \$7.5 million to fund the construction of Liquid Helium Recovery Systems for NIST sites in Gaithersburg and Boulder. These sites help conserve an increasingly scarce resource used widely in low-temperature research;
- \$7 million for design and construction of an Emergency Services Consolidated Station in Gaithersburg to house the NIST Fire and Police services; and
- \$2 million for a Net-Zero-Energy Residential Test Facility in Gaithersburg.

Contact: (301) 975-NIST (6478), TTY (301) 975-8295, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 1070, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070

Website: www.fedbizopps.gov

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

<http://www.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/>

Implementation: NOAA Stimulus (ARRA) spend plan details (currently being reviewed for approval)

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NOAA's spend plan will distribute ORF funds in the following manner:

Hydrographic Survey Backlog (\$40 million):

\$40 million to reduce the critical hydrographic survey backlog by approximately 1,700 square nautical miles. The critical areas to be addressed have high commercial traffic or hazardous material transport, compelling requests from navigation services users, or seafloor areas that have not been surveyed to modern standards. Funding will also be used to support the ingestion of significant increases in hydrographic data received this year, allowing updated charts to be delivered faster. NOAA will expedite the award of these funds by expanding existing projects, allowing the funds to be awarded in 60 days.

Marine and Coastal Habitat Restoration (\$167 million):

\$167 million to support mid- and large-scale restoration projects addressing coral reef conservation, the restoration of fish habitats that benefit commercial and recreational fisheries, the recovery of endangered species such as salmon and sea turtles, and the improvement of coastal resiliency in response to sea level rise and natural hazards. NOAA will award funding through a 30-day Federal Funding Opportunity, and expects successful projects to be in-line with NOAA's mission, shovel-ready, and technically feasible.

Environmental Reviews and Consultations (\$3 million):

\$3 million to address the current backlog of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultations and, if required, environmental reviews and consultations associated with projects funded by the Recovery Act. Section 7 of the ESA requires all Federal agencies to ensure that their actions will not jeopardize a listed species or destroy or adversely modify its designated Critical Habitat. This funding will allow NMFS to acquire additional capacity in order to provide technical assistance and consultation services to the EPA, USDA, and other Federal agencies in a timely manner and avoid future litigation. NOAA estimates that this funding will enable over 800 additional consultations to be conducted, with a potentially significant impact on the economy.

Vessel Maintenance and Repair (\$20 million):

\$20 million to address critical repairs and replacements to NOAA's fleet of research and exploration vessels. Funding will allow NOAA to complete major repairs for *Rainier* and *Oregon II*, as well as accelerating the replacement of hydrographic survey launches on *Rainier* and *Fairweather*. Funding will also address critical maintenance and repair actions throughout the Fleet. Proper maintenance and refresh of NOAA's vessels is directly correlated to the Fleet's operational availability, as well as ensuring the safety and welfare of our officers and mariners. Funding will be distributed via competitively awarded contracts to the shipbuilding and repair industries.

NOAA's spend plan will distribute PAC funds in the following manner:

NOAA Climate Computing and Modeling (\$170 million):

\$170 million to accelerate and enhance NOAA's High Performance Computing (HPC) capabilities. By enhancing HPC capabilities, NOAA will be able to directly improve research capabilities for weather and climate modeling and climate change research. With these funds,

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NOAA will implement two leadership-class HPC systems in geographically separate locations, and support climate data records. This new capacity will improve the accuracy of seasonal climate and global climate change assessments. The two new HPC sites will be selected competitively through a rigorous process.

NEXRAD Dual Polarization Modification Acceleration (\$7.4 million):

\$7.4 million to accelerate the NEXRAD Dual Polarization effort. NEXRAD is a Doppler weather radar system that provides automated signal processing, computerized data processing by sophisticated meteorological software algorithms, and a high-capacity, processor-driven communications capability. Funding will support accelerated implementation of the Dual Polarization modification to NEXRAD, which allows radar signals to be transmitted and received in two dimensions, resulting in a significant improvement in precipitation estimation; improved ability to discriminate rain, snow, and hail; and a general improvement in data quality. Economic analysis shows that this improvement, once fully deployed, will have a national economic benefit of \$690 million per year as a result of improvements in flash flood warnings. The improved precipitation estimates from the national network of radars will be used as input to weather models with a concomitant improvement in model outputs. The Dual Polarization capability will allow other improvements in severe weather detection, including improvements in snow storm detection and warnings, icing conditions for air and ground transportation, and continued support for improved modeling data input.

Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Construction (\$9 million):

\$9 million to accelerate WFO upgrade and modernization projects in Barrow and Nome, Alaska, as well as upgrades to the HVAC systems of other WFOs. The WFO Construction program enables NWS to meet WFO facility requirements supporting the provision of public weather services and the nationwide NEXRAD radar network, as well as repairing and upgrading associated employee housing units in remote areas. This construction effort is essential to bring NWS into full compliance with federal law and national and local building codes.

Accelerate Satellite Development (\$74 million):

\$74 million to accelerate funding for NPOESS and climate sensors on NOAA's critical polar-orbiting satellites. Funding will allow NOAA to perform critical NPOESS development activities and address risk mitigation within the program. Due to ongoing technical challenges, resources of the NPOESS program have been strained. NOAA will use this funding to mitigate both cost and schedule risk for this program.

NOAA will also award a contract to complete procurement activities for the Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES) FM-6. Funding will also be used to continue the development and production work for the Total Solar Irradiance Sensor (TSIS-1) for NPOESS C-1. TSIS provides measurements that monitor the sun's energy incident on the Earth, while CERES measures the Earth's radiation budget, both crucial measurements for monitoring factors that affect climate change.

Pacific Regional Center (\$142 million):

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\$142 million to complete the construction of the entire Pacific Regional Center on Ford Island in Honolulu, Hawaii. With the completion of this project, NOAA offices on O’ahu will be consolidated in one facility, realizing benefits in improved operations and mission performance, longer-term operational savings, and opportunities for greater program collaboration and synergy—both within NOAA and with external partners. The current facilities, located in 12 separate areas, are overcrowded, in poor physical shape, and inadequate to support NOAA programs and operations in the Pacific Region.

Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (\$102 million):

\$102 million to complete the design, construction, and occupancy of the replacement SWFSC facility in La Jolla, California. The current SWFSC facility is at-risk due to cliff erosion, which has forced NOAA to abandon two of the four current buildings and move into temporary off-site leased facilities in order to ensure personnel safety. The temporary housing arrangement adversely affects ongoing operations and scientific research. The new facility will be located on the University of California, San Diego campus, enabling NOAA and its partners to benefit from a range of strategic and functional relationships with local research and education organizations, such as the Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

Fairbanks Satellite Facility Construction (\$9 million):

\$9 million to continue the replacement of the at-risk Fairbanks Operations Building in Fairbanks, Alaska. NESDIS manages and directs operation of NOAA’s geostationary and polar orbiting environmental satellites and the acquisition of remotely sensed data. This facility is one of two primary operations centers which command and control the satellites, track the satellites, and acquire their data. Operations are maintained 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The current building was built by NASA in the late 1960s as a semi-permanent facility and has been identified as at-risk by the Army Corps of Engineers due to extreme temperatures and seismic activity in the area. Construction of the new Fairbanks Short Term Operations Facility will allow NOAA to support the NOAA polar-orbiting satellites program through de-orbit of the last POES satellite in 2022 (estimated based on a launch in FY 2009 and the average useful life of the current NOAA satellites and instruments), as well as supporting other ongoing satellite missions through 2026. Facility Maintenance and Repair (\$8.6 million):

\$8.6 million to fund facility maintenance and repair issues. NOAA will use this funding to address critical facility repair issues in order to ensure the health and safety of our employees. This funding will support asbestos abatement at the Geophysical Fluid Dynamic Laboratory in Princeton, NJ, and repairs to the NMFS Galveston Laboratory, as well as priority repairs at other NOAA facilities.

Fishery Survey Vessel Construction (\$78 million):

\$78 million to complete the construction of a Fisheries Survey Vessel (FSV6). FSV6, an Oscar Dyson class vessel, will replace the San Diego based David Starr Jordan and is intended to serve the Southwest Fisheries Science Center and conduct living-marine resource, habitat, and integrated-ecosystem surveys in the U.S. West Coast and Eastern Tropical Pacific. The age of David Starr Jordan, obsolete equipment, and limited speed and endurance limit efficient and effective data collection. FSV6 will provide NOAA scientists with the capabilities to meet their

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science and stewardship missions. Replacement of the David Starr Jordan will improve the Living Marine Resource performance measures by 19%-31% which will improve the ability to more accurately manage fisheries stocks, thereby enhancing the economic and social well-being of the Nation.

Contact: Acquisition and Grants Office HQ
1335 East West Highway, Silver Spring Metro Center Building 1
(SSMC1), Suite 6300
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910
301-713-0325
webmaster.ago@noaa.gov

Economic Development Administration

<http://www.eda.gov/>

<http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/>

\$150 MILLION FOR URBAN INDUSTRIAL CORE AND RURAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMS

Implementation: The program makes investments to help support construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness, including investments that expand and upgrade infrastructure to attract new industry, support technology-led development, redevelop Brownfield sites and provide eco-industrial development. Federal funding opportunities were published to the website (3/11/09) and are available below. Funds will be dispersed through the EDA's six regional offices in the form of grants to states, local government entities and eligible non-profits.

Contact: Edward L. Hummel;
Philadelphia Regional Office;
The Curtis Center; 601 Walnut Street, Suite 140 South; Philadelphia, PA 19106-3323; T: (215) 597-6767; EHummel@eda.doc.gov

Website: <http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml>
<http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Programs.xml>
<http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/FFON.xml>

Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR THE CENSUS

Implementation: Small business contracts and employment opportunities will be available

Contracting Contact: Dijon Ferdinand; Small Business Specialist of the U.S. Census Bureau's Acquisition Division; dijon.f.ferdinand@census.gov

Contracting Website: <http://www.census.gov/procur/www/sb/index.html>

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Employment Info: You can contact their local recruiter at 215-717-7600. You may also contact (866) 861-2010, recruiting numbers specifically for the 2010 Census. General requirements for employment with the Bureau are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Speak and write English well.
- Pass 30 minute written test.
- Be willing to work days, evenings, and weekends.
- Be able to persuade people to participate in surveys.
- Have a car, valid driver's license, and private telephone line.
- Complete an Employment Eligibility Verification Form, I-9, if hired.

Employment Website: <http://www.census.gov/rophi/www/employ.html>

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/>

\$4.7 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO PROVIDE WIRELESS AND BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMMUNITIES THROUGH BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM GRANTS

Implementation: All grants are competitive and controlled by the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA).

Technology Opportunities Program information will be available on their website below. Meetings open to the public are being held to solicit comments to shape policy of broadband funding. The schedule of these meetings and summaries are posted on the website below. Topics discussed in these meetings deals with criteria for grant awards concerning the creation of a national broadband map

\$350 million to establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant program

\$250 million for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption

Eligible entities:

- State or political subdivision
- Nonprofit foundation, corporation, institution or association
- Any other entity, including broadband service or infrastructure provider that the Assistant Secretary finds by rule to be in the public interest.

The NTIA expects to announce a Notice Of Funds Availability (NOFA) this summer, with the first grants being awarded this fall. Keep checking the website below for additional information.

Website: <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/>

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State Contact: Rosa Lara, Office of Administration, 717-214-7949,
ra-oastimulus@state.pa.us.

\$650 MILLION FOR COUPONS, EDUCATION AND CONSUMER SUPPORT FOR DIGITAL TO ANALOGUE CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM

Implementation: All additional details on the transition to digital TV and coupons are available on their website. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program has begun to accept replacement requests from eligible households whose coupons expired without being redeemed.

If an eligible household has redeemed one coupon toward the purchase of a TV converter box and the other coupon has expired, then it will be approved for a single replacement coupon. Consumers may apply for replacement coupons in accordance with existing program application rules by visiting www.DTV2009.gov, calling 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009), mailing an application to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208 or faxing an application to 1-877-DTV-4ME2 (1-877-388-4632). Deaf or hard of hearing callers may use 1-877-530-2634 (TTY).

Contact: Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications; TV Converter Box Coupon Program; 1-888-DTV-2009

Website: <https://www.dtv2009.gov/>

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

<http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>

http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/plans_reports/2009/april/DoD_ARRA_Second_Report_to_Congress-28_Apr_09.pdf

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes approximately \$7.4 billion in Defense-related appropriations, which accounts for less than 1 percent of the total \$787 billion stimulus package signed on February 17 by President Obama. The DoD intends to spend Defense-related funds as quickly as possible.

Appropriations in this bill are available for obligation through the end of fiscal 2010, and through the end of fiscal 2013 for military construction.

The Recovery Act funding addresses some of the unique economic pressures faced by American service members because of their voluntary commitment to serve our nation. Specific investment in military construction will further President Obama's goal of providing stimulus to the economy while helping to improve the quality of life for our troops and their families. In addition to providing much needed facility improvements, this bill also provides more funding for our important energy research programs so that the DoD can continue to lead the way in the national effort to achieve greater energy independence.

DoD officials are working with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force to quickly finalize details such as which bases will receive construction projects. We intend spending plans at the

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project level to be sent to Congress in the weeks ahead, with more announcements to be made as appropriate. Information will be available on the defenselink.mil/recovery website. Provisions are summarized below:

**\$3.84 BILLION FOR FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, AND MODERNIZATION (FSRM)
OF DEFENSE FACILITIES IN U.S. AND TERRITORIES**

Implementation: 80% of the funding of the total FSRM and were announced in a newsletter dated March 20, 2009.

Active Army:

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 452	\$550,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Retrofit Street Lights with Energy Fixtures	\$420,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 314	\$225,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Renovate War College Facility, Bldg 118, Ph 1	\$200,000	Quality of Life
Carlisle Barracks	Energy Efficient Upgrades for Bldg 320	\$175,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof Valleys on Upton Hall B-22	\$160,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Replace High Voltage Cables on Main Loop	\$130,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Sewer Line Inspection, Repairs and Metering	\$70,000	Energy
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Youth Teen Club B-637	\$25,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Health Clinic B-450	\$25,000	Roofs
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Roof on Post Exchange B-844	\$25,000	Roofs

Army National Guard:

Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Allentown RC	Replace Windows	\$150,000	Energy
Berwick Readiness Center	Renovations and Repaving	\$75,000	Energy
Carbondale Clidco Drive RC	Energy Renovations	\$38,000	Energy
Clearfield RC	Install New Boiler	\$75,000	Energy
Connellsville Readiness Center	Install Auto Trmf	\$50,000	Energy
Everett Readiness Center	Replace Boiler	\$70,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Bldg 11-091 Roof Repair	\$900,000	Roofs
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sanitary System Assmnt & Improvements	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sewer Line Replacement	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Sewer Line Replacement	\$750,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	Repair/Replace Leaking Sewer Lines	\$735,000	Utilities
Fort Indiantown Gap	ArmyNG Aviation Support Facility Runway Sealing	\$725,000	Pavement/roads/grounds
Fort Indiantown Gap	Energy Mgmt System Installation	\$700,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Energy Mgmt System Installation	\$700,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Relocate Mk-19 Electric Line	\$622,000	Energy

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Fort Indiantown Gap	Energy Mgmt System Installation	\$450,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	166 Regiment Dining Mech/Elect	\$425,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Boilers @ Bldg 10-102	\$400,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Boilers @ Bldg 08-071	\$150,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Bldg 19-116 Roof Repair	\$120,000	Roofs
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Windows (Bldg 19-117)	\$75,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Windows	\$70,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Replace Boiler @ Building. 11-009	\$20,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Install Energy Management System	\$720,000	Energy
Fort Indiantown Gap	Install Energy Management System	\$650,000	Energy
Hamburg Readiness Center	Renovate Center ad Pave Window and Door Replacement,	\$100,000	Quality of Life
Harrisburg Readiness Center	Bldg 1	\$375,000	Energy
Hermitage RC- Proposed	Install Energy Management System	\$350,000	Energy
Hermitage RC- Proposed	Install Energy Management System	\$350,000	Energy
Hermitage RC- Proposed	Install Energy Management System	\$325,000	Energy
Hermitage RC- Proposed	Replace Windows	\$15,000	Energy
Johnstown Walters Ave RC	Install New Lighting	\$25,000	Energy
Kane Readiness Center	Insulate Drill Hall Ceiling	\$40,000	Energy
Lehigh RC	Energy Renovations	\$175,000	Energy
Lock Haven RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$73,000	Energy
Nanticoke Readiness Center	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
Philadelphia Ogontz RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$50,000	Energy
Phoenixville RC	Replace Windows & Doors	\$200,000	Energy
Phoenixville RC	Install Tankless Heater	\$13,000	Energy
Pine Grove RC	Energy Renovations	\$125,000	Energy
Plymouth RC	Energy Renovations	\$225,000	Energy
Scranton/Taylor NE Reg Mnt Center	Energy Renovations	\$75,000	Energy
Sellersville RC	Renovate and Paving	\$100,000	Energy
State College Field Maint Shop 29	Connect ATC to Ft Indiantown Gap	\$23,000	Utilities
Tamaqua Readiness Center	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
Torrance RC	Connect ATC to Ft Indiantown Gap	\$6,000	Utilities
West Chester RC	Replace Windows	\$38,000	Energy
West Chester RC	Install Tankless Heater	\$10,000	Energy
West Pittston RC	Energy Renovations	\$100,000	Energy
Wilkes Barre/Kingston RC	Energy Renovations	\$750,000	Energy
Williamsport RC	Renovate and Paving	\$50,000	Quality of Life

Air Force

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Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Carlisle Barracks	Repair Dental Clinic	\$578,000	Medical

\$300 MILLION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FOR MILITARY

Implementation: The breakdown across each branch can be seen below. More detailed information about the breakdown within categories can be see at the website below on page 156-161.

Category	Army	Navy	Air Force	Defense Wide	DoD Total
Fuel- Mobility	40,000	52,900	28,000	16,000	136,900
Facility Energy	10,000	3,500	-	-	13,500
Operational Efficiencies/Commercial Practices	-	-	1,000	9,000	10,000
Supply & Distribution	15,000	16,100	37,000	47,000	115,100
Tactical Power & Generators	10,000	2,500	9,000	3,000	24,500
Totals:	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	300,000

Website: <http://www.defenselink.mil/recovery/>

\$400 MILLION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPARATIONS TO MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES IN U.S. AND TERRITORIES

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$80 MILLION FOR ARMY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: None of the Army Child Development Center projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR ARMY "WARRIOR TRANSITION COMPLEXES"

Implementation: None of the Warrior Transition Complexes are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS TROOP HOUSING

Implementation: None of the Navy and Marine Corps Troop housing projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE TROOP HOUSING

Implementation: None of the Air Force Troop housing projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROJECTS

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

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\$4.125 BILLION FOR FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION, REGULATION AND INVESTIGATIONS (OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY \$2 BILLION WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THE REMAINDER FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE)

Implementation: This program will be implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to accelerate completion of ongoing water projects and beginning construction of new projects, with priority directed to projects that can be completed with one year.

Local Projects:

\$250,000 for Pennsylvania Streams in Delaware County and the portions of Chester County and Montgomery County - Initiation of an analysis evaluating environmental improvement projects within Delaware and Chester County watersheds that suffer from poor aquatic habitat and aquatic ecosystem quality due to increased

\$500,000 for Cobbs Creek Habitat Restoration, PA - Design approximately 1.2 miles of channel restoration from the Millbourne Dam downstream to Marshall Road, to meet the existing restoration project.

\$100,000 to complete design, sign the Project Partnership Agreement, and award the construction contract for Southampton Creek to restore the riparian ecosystem along approximately two miles of degraded urban stream.

\$517,000 for Mill Creek Diversion, PA - Funds allow for the completion of an analysis which will include preliminary designs for the Mill Creek Watershed to reduce the volume and frequency of Combined Sewer Overflows into the Schuylkill River.

\$880,000 for Tacony Creek, PA - Evaluation of stream restoration alternatives along Old Frankford Creek (Tacony-Frankford Watershed).

\$4,136,000 for the Delaware River from Trenton, NJ to Philadelphia to award a contract to dredge the Upper reach (750,000 CY). Approximately 7,000 vessels transit this deep draft navigation project carry close to 8.5 million tons of various commodities such as steel, petroleum, chemicals and coal. Several major chemical companies, an oil refinery, and a gypsum plant are based along the waterway. In addition, two major deep draft marine terminals operate from within the project. 4,136

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\$7,000,000 for the Delaware River from Trenton to Philadelphia to award a contract to dredge the Duck Island range of the project. (150,000 CY).
Approximately 7,000 vessels transit this deep draft navigation project.

Contact: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Philadelphia: (215) 656-6500
Website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/Projects.aspx>

\$80 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: None of the Air Force Child Development Centers are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$80 MILLION FOR NAVY AND MARINE CORPS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$1.33 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITALS

Implementation: Information is not yet available for specific Defense Construction Provisions in the Stimulus Bill.

\$120 MILLION FOR DEFENSE ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENTS

Implementation: None of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force Energy Conservation and Alternative Energy construction projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.

\$100 MILLION FOR ARMY & AIR NATIONAL GUARD CONSTRUCTION

Implementation: None of the Army National Guard construction projects are within the state of Pennsylvania.
For the Air National Guard, a project to replace troop training quarters is included for Fort Indian Town Gap, PA with a cost estimate of \$7 million. The estimated contract award date is August 2009, estimated state date is September 2009, and the estimated completion is date September 2010.

\$97 MILLION FOR AIR FORCE FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Implementation: None of the Air Force Family Housing projects will be completed in Pennsylvania.

\$38 MILLION FOR ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS

Implementation: Projects in Pennsylvania include the construction of Family Housing units at Letterkenney Army Depot and Tobyhanna. Three new units are being constructed at Letterkenny, with an estimated cost of \$1.05 million. Two units are being constructed at Tobyhanna for a cost of \$1 million. For both projects the estimated contract award date is September 2009, estimated state date December 2009, and the estimated completion date May 2011.

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Installation/Location	Project Title	Cost Estimate	Project Category
Letterkenny AD	Replace Hot Water Boilers	\$100,000	Family Housing
Letterkenny AD	Renovate Bathrooms (2 baths per home)	\$100,000	Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Renovate Sun Rooms	\$97,000	Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Replace Porch Covers and Supports		Family Housing
Tobyhanna AD	Senior NCO Family Housing	\$200,000	Housing

\$555 MILLION FOR PROGRAMS FOR MILITARY HOMEOWNERS FACING MORTGAGE PROBLEMS

Contact: Agency: US Army Corps of Engineers Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) (<http://hap.usace.army.mil/>) Phone number: 1-800-861-8144 (Savannah office covers PA). Applicants seeking assistance under the expanded guidelines may submit applications. Typical application turnaround time is 4-5 months. Web site contains specific information on how to apply, and what documentation is needed for current program, which will be similar for those who now qualify under the expanded criteria. For assistance in Congressman Sestak's office, contact Rob Sorensen (202) 225-2011.

Website: HAP main website <http://hap.usace.army.mil/>
Savannah Field Office Website:
<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/hapinv/index.html>

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

<http://www.ed.gov/index.jhtml>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

\$650 MILLION FOR 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOMS INCLUDING FOR SCHOOL COMPUTER AND SCIENCE LABORATORIES AND TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

Implementation: In addition to the grants that go directly to school districts, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will award nearly \$13 million for technology upgrades and related training to high-need school districts through a competitive grant process. Guidelines will be released in the near future and information will be made available in the eGrants system. Grants will be announced in Fall 2009.

Contact: Mike Walsh
(717) 214-5972
Ra-stimulus-pde@state.pa.us

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

\$70 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR SERVICES TO HOMELESS CHILDREN INCLUDING MEALS AND TRANSPORTATION

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Implementation: The ARRA provides \$1.87 million to Pennsylvania in fiscal year (FY) 2009 funds under the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program, which is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq. (McKinney-Vento Act). (For purposes of this guidance, these funds are referred to as “McKinney-Vento ARRA funds.”) The McKinney-Vento ARRA funds are a one-time source of funds that supplement the McKinney-Vento funds made available under the regular FY 2009 appropriation. These additional resources will assist States and local educational agencies (LEAs) in addressing the educational and related needs of some of the most vulnerable members of our society – homeless children and youth – during a time of economic crisis in the United States.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/homeless.pdf>

\$13 BILLION FOR FUNDING FOR EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN (ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT (ESEA) TITLE I, PART A) WITH \$399 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: The Department awarded 50 percent of each state's Title I, Part A recovery at the beginning of April. These funds will be awarded under each state's existing approved *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)* Consolidated State Application. The Title I, Part A ARRA awards will be in addition to the regular FY 2009 Title I, Part A grant awards that the Department plans to make on July 1 and Oct. 1, 2009. Information regarding these funds is available at the website below and in the guidance document available in the PDF file below.

The same rules apply to the Supplemental ARRA Title I dollars as the regular Title I dollars. Schools are eligible to use their Title I funding “schoolwide” if they have at least 40% free/reduced lunch population in their building and if they have a schoolwide plan written. Schoolwide programs give schools the maximum amount of flexibility in spending Title I dollars. If a school district’s Title I schools are operating a “schoolwide” Title I program, Title I may fund any activity written in the district’s schoolwide plan.

In a Title I targeted program (for those Title I buildings with less than 40% free/reduced lunch population), the Title I dollars must be targeted to programs for the school’s lowest performing students and be focused in the areas of Reading/Math. As districts plan for to use of Supplemental Title I funds under ARRA, note that whether a particular purchase of such things as science kits, literacy/math coaches and library is materials is permitted, will depend on the type of Title I program being implemented in the schools.

Chester-Upland School District	\$3,704,828
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Chichester School District	\$415,804
Colonial School District	\$268,673
Interboro School District	\$334,065
Marple Newtown School District	\$233,135
Norristown Area School District	\$1,161,764
Penn-Delco School District	\$202,571
Ridley School District	\$479,774
Rose Tree Media School District	\$219,630
Southeast Delco School District	\$1,002,905
Upper Darby School District	\$2,973,536
William Penn School District	\$1,466,687

Actual amounts received by school districts maybe smaller than shown here due to State-level adjustments to Federal Title I allocations, reflecting service area and population changes.

PA Contact: Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126
717-783-6788

Contact: If you have any questions or concerns, you can email the U.S. Department of Education at TitleI.ARRA@ed.gov.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-c.pdf>

\$12.2 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS (INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)) WITH \$456 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: The Department of Education awarded 50 percent of the *IDEA*, Title I Part B and C Grants to States and Preschool Grants recovery funds to SEAs on April 1, 2009. Part B consists of \$11.3 billion for Grants to States; \$400 million for Preschool Grants. Under Part C, \$500 million is provided for Grants for Infants and Families

The other 50 percent will be awarded by Sept. 1, 2009. These awards will be in addition to the regular fiscal year 2009 Part B awards that will be made on July 1, 2009 (Grants to States and Preschool Grants) and October 1, 2009 (Grants to States only). Together, these grant awards will constitute a state's total FY 2009 Part B Grants to States and Preschool Grants allocations. Information on these funds is available in more detail in the guidance publication in the PDF file below.

Chester-Upland School District	\$2,259,000
Chichester School District	\$886,000
Garnet Valley School District	\$693,000
Great Valley School District	\$866,000
Haverford Township School District	\$1,579,000

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Interboro School District	\$878,000
Marple Newtown School District	\$1,092,000
Norristown Area School District	\$1,936,000
Penn-Delco School District	\$787,000
Phoenixville Area School District	\$892,000
Radnor Township School District	\$793,000
Ridley School District	\$1,380,000
Rose Tree Media School District	\$1,072,000
Southeast Delco School District	\$1,273,000
Spring-Ford Area School District	\$1,205,000
Springfield School District	\$867,000
Tredyffrin-Easttown School District	\$1,291,000
Unionville-Chadds Ford School District	\$808,000
Upper Darby School District	\$3,357,000
Upper Merion Area School District	\$805,000
Wallingford-Swarthmore School District	\$725,000
West Chester Area School District	\$3,228,000
William Penn School District	\$1,720,000

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Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://www.pde.state.pa.us/>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html>
Part B: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-b.pdf>
Part C: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/idea-c.pdf>

\$300 MILLION, INCLUDING \$200 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATES TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS WHO RAISE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND CLOSE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAPS IN HIGH-NEED SCHOOLS AND \$100 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO STATES TO ADDRESS TEACHER SHORTAGES AND MODERNIZE THE TEACHING WORKFORCE.

Implementation: To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

Contact:

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>
http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

\$250 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR GRANTS FOR STATES TO CREATE SYSTEMS TRACKING INDIVIDUAL STUDENT DATA (LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEMS GRANT PROGRAM)

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Implementation: To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

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Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>

http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

<http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/>

\$40.6 BILLION AID TO STATES TO BALANCE EDUCATION BUDGETS, PREVENT CUTBACKS AND MODERNIZE SCHOOLS (STATE EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND)

Implementation: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is estimated to receive \$1.9 billion of which \$1.6 billion is being allocated to education. Governor Rendell is required to spend 81% of the state's allocation to support elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education. Announcements by the Governor on the allocation of these funds have been posted on his website (see below).

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>

http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

www.governor.state.pa.us

\$5 BILLION AID TO STATES IN FORM OF BONUS GRANTS FOR MEETING KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN EDUCATION

Implementation: To be distributed by competitive grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education will convene working groups including school districts and other stakeholders regarding the following competitive grants.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/education>

http://www.pdeinfo.state.pa.us/education_budget/lib/education_budget/StimulusGuide.pdf

\$17.114 BILLION TO INCREASE PELL GRANT TO \$5,350 IN 2009 AND TO \$5,550 IN 2010, AND OTHER INCREASES TO STUDENT AID

Implementation: These funds will be available beginning July 1 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Contact:

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

\$60 MILLION TO INCREASE SIZE OF COLLEGES' STUDENT AID FUNDS

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Implementation: Increased funding through existing program
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<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

\$200 MILLION FOR COLLEGES' WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

Implementation: Increased funding through existing program
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html> or
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp>

\$540 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR DISABLED PEOPLE AND \$18.2 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS AND \$34.3 MILLION SERVICES FOR ELDERLY BLIND PEOPLE

Implementation: For an additional amount for 'Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research' for providing grants to States to carry out the Vocational Rehabilitation Services program under part B of title I and parts B and C of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, \$540,000,000 of that shall be available for part B of title I of the Rehabilitation Act. Funds shall not be considered in determining the amount required to be appropriated under section 100(b)(1) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in any fiscal year, and the Federal share of the costs of vocational rehabilitation services provided with the funds shall be 100 percent. \$140,000,000 shall be available for parts B and C of chapter 1 and chapter 2 of title VII of the Rehabilitation Act. \$18,200,000 shall be for State Grants, \$87,500,000 shall be for independent living centers, and \$34,300,000 shall be for services for older blind individuals.

Contact: RSARecoveryActComments@ed.gov.
Website: <http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/guidance/vr.pdf>
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailstate/index.html> (independent living)

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

<http://www.energy.gov/recovery>
<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip>

\$3.2 BILLION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANTS TO STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (RECOVERY ACT - ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS - FORMULA GRANTS) INCLUDING \$100 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: Formula Grants will be distributed as following according to the federal HUD block grant formula:

Name	Government Level	Allocation
Chester	City	\$156,000

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Haverford, Township of	City	\$190,000
Upper Darby, Township of	City	\$695,600
Chester	County	\$4,615,800
Delaware	County	\$3,668,300
Montgomery	County	\$6,183,000

Those entities identified above may apply for a formula grant.

Open Date: 03/26/2009

Close Date: 06/25/2009

Funding Organization: Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Funding Number: DE-FOA-0000013

This money will be awarded directly to large cities and counties for energy projects. State Energy Offices may be asked to assist these entities with developing their projects but will not take any oversight role although it will make itself available to the larger municipalities to provide consulting and advice regarding the programs they will implement independently. This money may be distributed by DOE; currently undetermined.

Additionally, \$23,574,800 has been distributed to Pennsylvania, of which 60% shall be used to award to small cities with populations fewer than 35,000 and counties with populations fewer than 200,000 for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Finally, approximately \$400 million will be available in competitive grants through the Department of Energy. Application information is not yet available, but the Department expects to open the grant period in the June/ July time frame.

DOE Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy – 1-877-337-3463 or 202-586-9220

PA Contact: Karl Lasher | Executive Assistant
Office of Energy and Technology Deployment
Pa. Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Bldg.,
400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
Phone: 717.783.0540 | Fax: 717.783.0546

Website: Information about eligible candidates, funding allocated, and information about applying for grants:

www1.eere.energy.gov/financing/solicitations_detail.html?sol_id=229
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm or
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=482723>

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\$3.1 BILLION FOR STATE ENERGY PROGRAM FORMULA GRANTS (INCLUDING \$99,684,000 FOR PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue/award formula-based grants under the State Energy Program(SEP). (The majority of Pennsylvania's SEP funding goes to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Energy Harvest program through one-time grants to motivate local governments and non-profit entities with shovel-ready projects that will save or conserve a minimum of 25% of all energy used. (see

http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_50048_5996_505976_43/http%3B/pubcontent.state.pa.us/publishedcontent/publish/marketing/sites/recovery_pa_gov/content/announcements/announcements_list/2009_energy_harvest_for_local_governments_and_nonprofits_042909.pdf)

The Recovery Act gives preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds made available by it for activities that can be initiated not later than June 17, 2009. Accordingly, special consideration will be given to projects that promote and enhance the objectives of the Act, especially job creation, preservation and economic recovery, in an expeditious manner. The State Energy Program's (SEP) 20 percent cost match is not required for grants made with Recovery Act funds. DOE encourages plans that achieve a high degree of leveraging, and/or projects that extend the impact of the funds.

First Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority Round opened on April 13, 2009 and closes on May 29, 2009 (see below)

State Contact:

If you have project related questions, you can contact Heather Cowley at 484-250-5940 and if you have grant application processing questions, you can contact the DEP Grants Center – 717-705-5400.

Office of Energy and Technology Deployment
400 Market Street, 15th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101
717-783-8411

Federal Contact:

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Darren.Stevenson@netl.doe.gov
412-386-4746

Website:

http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt/community/impact/5996/energy_independence
<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/enintech/cwp/view.asp?a=1415&q=504241>

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<http://www.eere.energy.gov/wip>

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=1374&Q=482975>

<http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/energy/cwp/view.asp?a=1374&q=483024>

Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority

Deadline: May 29, 2009

Eligible Applicants

The following entities are eligible to apply for grants under this solicitation:

- Corporations, partnerships, associations and other legal business entities;
- Non-profit corporations;
- Pennsylvania colleges and universities; and
- Any Pennsylvania municipality and any public corporation, authority or body whatsoever.

B. Eligible Projects

- For purposes of this financial assistance, alternative energy projects means projects involving any of the following: solar energy; wind; low-impact hydropower; geothermal; biologically derived methane gas, including landfill gas; biomass; fuel cells; coal-mine methane; waste coal; integrated gasification combined cycle; demand management measures, including recycled energy and energy recovery, energy efficiency and load management.
- With respect to solar energy, residential solar projects of any size and small business projects of 200 kW or less are not eligible for this solicitation, but are eligible for the Pennsylvania Sunshine Solar Program which will be available later this spring. A small business is defined as a for-profit enterprise with 100 or fewer employees. Other solar projects may apply under this solicitation.
- With respect to alternative fuels, projects involving construction of new facilities for clean, alternative fuels for transportation are eligible for assistance under this solicitation. Clean, alternative fuels projects involving the expansion of an existing facility or any other aspect of alternative fuels are encouraged to apply for assistance through the Alternative Fuels Incentive Grant Fund, which may be found at www.depweb.state.pa.us under "Energy Topics."
- All proposed projects must include a research component directly related to alternative energy resources to be eligible for this solicitation.

C. Eligible Uses of Funds

Funding under this solicitation may be used by the applicant for some or all of the following types of project costs:

- Purchase and installation of equipment used for the manufacturing of alternative energy or energy efficiency equipment or materials;

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- The purchase and installation of energy facilities or equipment for the generation, production or distribution of alternative energy or alternative fuels;
- Design, construction or renovation of a building that will be used to manufacture alternative energy or energy efficiency equipment or materials;
- Design, construction or renovation of a building that will be used to produce alternative fuels; and
- Design, construction or renovation of a facility that will be used for research and development related to innovative new alternative energy or energy efficiency technologies.

Ineligible costs include, but are not limited to, administrative costs, permit fees, legal fees, travel expenses, food or entertainment costs and costs incurred prior to the board's approval of the application.

Please note that funding under this solicitation is drawn from three different sources, each having specific requirements as to its eligible costs. Therefore, certain grant agreement terms will differ depending upon which funding authority is applicable.

Contact: Southeast Region: Heather Cowley - 484-250-5816
(Counties: Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia)

**\$5 BILLION FOR HOME WEATHERIZATION GRANTS TO LOW AND MIDDLE-INCOME FAMILIES
INCLUDING \$253 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA**

Implementation: New provisions include adjusting the per house limit to \$6,500, increasing to 20% the amount that can be used for training and technical assistance and equipment purchases, and adjusting the family income requirements to 200 percent of poverty level, up from 150%.

Pennsylvania ARRA Weatherization State Plan
Introduction

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) provides \$252.8 million for Pennsylvania's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), which is designed to help low income households decrease energy consumption and costs. These resources will enable the Commonwealth to achieve greater energy independence, put more Pennsylvanians to work by increasing demand for skilled weatherization professionals and help vulnerable residents by reducing their energy bills.

As a result of these ARRA weatherization funds, Pennsylvania will:

- Reduce Pennsylvania energy usage by the equivalent of 155,000 barrels of oil a year;
- Weatherize at least an additional 29,700 housing units over the next 2-3 years; and
- Put an estimated 940 Pennsylvanians to work.

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The federal stimulus resources will make it possible for Pennsylvania to improve the return on public investment of the weatherization program by achieving greater energy savings with each unit serviced. Greater savings will result from both a higher per-project expenditure cap and changes in how the program prioritizes the households selected and the weatherization work to be completed.

Pennsylvania will allocate its stimulus grant over three state fiscal years as allowed by the stimulus law: FY2009-10, FY2010-11 and FY2011-12.

The state intends to front-load expenditures to the greatest extent possible in order to maximize the economic benefit to Pennsylvania workers and participating households, expending at least 50% of the ARRA allocation by September 30, 2010, and at least 80% by the end of the FY2010-11 fiscal year.

The contract period will be from April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2012.

Of the total \$252.8 million ARRA grant, up to \$8.3 million will be retained by the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the costs of program management, contract oversight, public reporting and other administrative activities and \$20 million will be retained for training and technical assistance. The balance of \$224.5 million will be allocated to sub-grantees.

Pennsylvania's stimulus allocation is more than 7 times larger than the Commonwealth's FY2008-09 combined Energy Department and LIHEAP weatherization expenditures. Even spread out over three years, the stimulus funds represent a massive investment in weatherization which will require more capacity at all levels of the program's operation.

As described in the pages that follow, Pennsylvania has a comprehensive plan for increasing weatherization activity while improving the program's overall energy reduction performance on behalf of the low-income residents it is intended to serve. Pennsylvania's strategy includes:

1. Allocating funding based primarily on a process that enables agencies to demonstrate their production capacity and ability to meet energy savings targets for low-income populations
2. Expanding training opportunities and requirements
3. Prioritizing eligible households and work for the greatest return on investment
4. Ensuring program performance
5. Strengthening oversight, monitoring and reporting

These changes will be implemented as part of the state's ARRA Weatherization Plan and many will also be carried over to the traditional weatherization program. In addition, DCED will increase its own ability to provide technical assistance and oversight through the addition of staff for the duration of the ARRA grant period who have expertise in training coordination, financial management and program technical assistance.

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DCED will also draw on consultants who can assist in evaluating agency capacity to increase production units and energy savings and potentially for monitoring and compliance, as described below.

Expanding Statewide Capacity to Achieve Stimulus Goals

The success of Pennsylvania's weatherization stimulus expansion will rely on the proven ability of the Commonwealth's 42 sub-grantee agencies to deliver additional program services.

Because the ARRA provides an unprecedented increase in available funds, Pennsylvania will distribute the temporary resources through a more flexible allocation process that maximizes the number of units weatherized in each region and the energy savings each achieves.

Agencies will receive ARRA weatherization allocations with a 3-year contract as follows:

Base Allocations

Each agency will receive an ARRA base allocation equal to its 2009-10 allocation, which totals \$22.5 million – or 10% of the total available for distribution under the ARRA.

As described in the 2009-10 State Plan, the 2009-10 allocation was determined via the following formula:

- 50% of the funds based on each agency's service area percentage of low-income population to the state total low-income population at 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- 30% of the funds based on the each agency's heating degree days to the state total; and
- 20% of the funds based on each agency's 2008-09 funding level.

Agencies that receive weatherization contracts will be expected to achieve an aggregate reduction of 23% of energy consumed based on a 12-month review of utility bills of the homes that are weatherized. While ARRA limits permit the average expenditure per household to be as high as \$6,500, DCED will establish a production target for each agency based on an average cost of \$5,000 per unit, meaning that the base allocation will result in the weatherization of nearly 4,000 units.

Allocation Enhancements

The bulk of ARRA allocation funds – \$202.0 million, or 90% of the total – will be held in reserve and distributed via a phase two allocation mechanism that takes into account:

- Additional need in each agency's service area, with an emphasis on priority households as described below;
- The agency's ability to generate satisfactory energy use reductions as a result of weatherizing households; and

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- The agency's capacity to scale-up operations in order to meet enhanced production targets with appropriate quality control and financial safeguards.

DCED will release its phase two allocation application guidelines for this component of the ARRA allocation within 30 days of the approval of this plan.

DCED reserves the right to add additional grantees if needed to meet production goals and to adjust agency allocations and to redistribute funds based on agency production and expenditures over the 3-year contract period. A special condition citing the right to reduce a grant amount if an agency cannot meet its production goals and performance targets is being added to all agency contracts.

Increasing MWBE Participation

As agencies increase their production capacity, it is important to ensure participation of minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs). Consistent with Executive Order 2004-6 issued by Governor Rendell on April 15, 2004, DCED will require agencies to establish MWBE programs and receive approval of their program plans.

Prioritizing Households and Weatherization Work

As allowed under federal law, the Pennsylvania WAP will maintain eligibility up to 200% of the federal poverty level and the maximum allowable average weatherization cost per dwelling will be \$6,500. To ensure the greatest number of eligible high-end energy users are served, the program will permit units to be re-weatherized as long as the initial weatherization activity occurred before September 30, 1994.

To achieve the greatest possible impact on eligible households and in reducing aggregate energy use and cost, the state will implement several new measures to determine how eligible households and eligible work are prioritized:

Prioritizing Households

Weatherization services have the greatest potential to save money and drive down energy use when they are first directed to the households that have the most extreme energy usage.

Since 2007-08, the WAP has incorporated procedures to identify high energy use households and included this factor in the weighting formula that determines overall priority.

Beginning in 2009-10, DCED will further refine its prioritization process to place greater emphasis on this category of need:

First Priority Households

All weatherization agencies will be required to give first priority to eligible households who are LIHEAP Cash and Crisis grantees and

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LIHEAP high energy users. DCED will provide agencies with the list of targeted households within the agency's service area. Households on this list must be exhausted before an agency can serve other clients with ARRA funds, including households on the agency's waiting list who do not meet this criterion.

Agencies will use the weighting scale described below to prioritize among the LIHEAP clients eligible for first priority use of ARRA funds.

DCED will track each agency's performance on the percentage of targeted clients whose units are successfully weatherized.

Prioritization of Additional Households

In addition to establishing a set of first priority clients as described above, DCED will also amend its weighting formula for use by agencies in prioritizing households. The changes increase the emphasis on energy use, energy burden and low-income status:

Category: Age

2008-09 Priority Points: Up to 5 points for each member of the family based on the member's age (highest point values for senior citizens and young children)

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: Total of 4 points if the household contains any members age 0 to 12 or age 60+

Total of 0 points if the household does not contain any members in those age groups

Category: Disability

2008-09 Priority Points: One point for family member with a disability

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: No Change

Category: Occupants

2008-09 Priority Points: Up to 5 points based on the total number of occupants in the household

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: No Change

Category: Waiting time

2008-09 Priority Points: Up to 5 points based on the total time that the client has been waiting for service

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: 0 points

Category: High use

2008-09 Priority Points: 2 points if the client's fuel use exceeds:

- 20,997 Kwh for electricity
- 1,065 therms for natural gas
- 780 gallons for oil

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- 5 cords for wood
- 1,093 gallons for propane
- 5 tons for coal

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: High use will result in a 15-point allocation

Category: High burden

2008-09 Priority Points: 1 point if the client's annual energy costs are equal to or exceed 25% of the client's annual income

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: High burden will result in a 10-point allocation

Category: Poverty level

2008-09 Priority Points: Up to 4 points based on the percent of the federal poverty level represented by the client's income level

2009-10 Proposed Priority Points: Up to 8 points based on the percent of the federal poverty level represented by the client's income level:

- 8 points: Under 75%
- 6 points: 75%-100%
- 4 points: 101%-125%
- 2 points: 126%-150%
- 0 points: Above 150%

Prioritizing Weatherization Work

The expansion of Pennsylvania's weatherization program is occurring in a context of new high-performance energy technology and emerging best practices for residential energy efficiency and conservation. To reflect the changing realities of the field, DCED will work to enhance many current WAP practices.

Energy Audits & Work Prioritization

DCED in partnership with stakeholder representatives will evaluate the energy audit protocols currently approved for use in Pennsylvania to determine whether improvements or updates are warranted. Specific attention will be given to energy audit protocols used to analyze building energy usage and set priorities for weatherization work for:

- One-to-four unit buildings
- Multi-family buildings
- Mobile homes

In addition to making certain that energy use analysis instruments are state-of-the-art, the revision will be specifically geared to ensuring the highest and best use of all weatherization resources in reducing energy use

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and costs. Upon completion of its review, DCED will publish any draft revisions to its audit protocols and receive public comment before finalizing the new tools and priority standards.

Replacement of light bulbs and installation of a load controller receiver, which allows a resident to determine when individual appliances turn on and off in order to make efficient use of electricity and purchase power only when needed, will become standard protocol wherever possible. To that end, the WAP will also implement strong coordination with programs established under Pennsylvania's new energy efficiency and conservation law, known as Act 129. One component of the law is the requirement that electric companies fund conservation services in households that may complement the weatherization program's activities.

These services will be integrated into existing weatherization visits to the greatest extent possible in order to make the maximum energy conservation impact on eligible households; work will be completed by a single sub-grantee, and billed back to the respective program (WAP or Act 129). Work conducted under and billed to the WAP will *not* count towards the Act 129 requirements of the utilities.

Standards for Weatherization Work

DCED will also amend its Pennsylvania Weatherization Standards field guide to establish a maximum cost for each element of approved work. Draft maximum cost standards will be made available for public review and comment before being finalized. The revised field guide will also set forth certain expenditures on weatherization work, which require DCED approval prior to execution.

Work on Rental Units

Federal regulations specify that "no undue or excessive enhancement shall occur to the value of the dwelling units" in the case of rental housing. To comply with that goal, Pennsylvania will require sub-grantees to solicit an investment in the weatherization work from building owners when assisting rental units. Owners who are not themselves eligible for WAP assistance are required to invest in the cost of the weatherization services provided to their buildings if:

- The total value of the work is greater than or equal to \$4,000; or
- The work includes installation of a new furnace, water heater or refrigerator.

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The minimum investment that owners must provide is 25% for buildings with fewer than 50 units and 35% for buildings with 50 units or more. Revenue collected as a result of this change will provide additional weatherization services to Pennsylvania households. DCED will establish policies for collecting owner contributions, and will establish a waiver process that subgrantees must follow for owners who cannot meet the required investment level.

Training Auditors and Installers

The federal stimulus expansion of Pennsylvania's weatherization program will require an estimated 940 additional trained workers, from energy auditors to contractors to inspectors.

Although the use of stimulus funds is temporary in nature, the demand for a skilled weatherization workforce is expected to be long-lasting due to the growing green-collar economy.

Expanding Training Capacity

Increasing the WAP workforce will require rapid expansion of training opportunities for weatherization workers. The weatherization program is committed to providing training opportunities throughout the Commonwealth so that residents from all regions have access to jobs. To the greatest extent possible, Pennsylvania and its training provider(s) will take advantage of distance learning to maximize the number of locations where participants can receive training. Field work, a required component of weatherization training, will be coordinated with agencies in each region.

The Pennsylvania ARRA WAP budget includes approximately \$20 million to establish training that serves the WAP and creates an infrastructure for other public- and private-sector weatherization training. These resources will be used to pay for all training costs for the WAP. The funding will be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry (L&I), which is responsible for the Commonwealth's workforce development system.

The WAP has traditionally relied on the training provided by the Weatherization Training Center (WTC) in Williamsport, North Central PA. It is anticipated that the WTC, and potentially other qualified trainers, will increase their capacity to train workers as well as to train additional trainers.

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In increasing the weatherization workforce, Pennsylvania encourages agencies to rely on the traditional workforce development pathways – including the CareerLink system and trade union apprenticeships – as well as the welfare-to-work system in order to recruit workers. To improve the ability of agencies to rely on these multiple pathways, L&I will provide pre-training assistance to weatherization training applicants as needed.

Training Requirements

L&I will establish state training standards and certification standards for workers performing various weatherization functions. The training standards will be adopted by any additional training providers that are selected to provide WAP training. The certification will provide weatherization workers with an industry-recognized credential demonstrating their knowledge and skills.

Beginning in 2009-10, training is required for all auditors and installers, regardless of whether the individual is an employee of an agency or a contractor or sub-contractor operating on behalf of an agency.

Mandatory training must be completed on the following timeline:

Training module: Weatherization tactics

Personnel subject to requirement: All crew workers and crew chiefs

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: 60 days

Training module: Lead safe work practices

Personnel subject to requirement: All crew workers, crew chiefs, and auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: 60 days

Training module: Crew safety

Personnel subject to requirement: All crew workers and crew chiefs

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: 60 days

Training module: Diagnostic approaches to weatherization

Personnel subject to requirement: All crew workers, crew chiefs and auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: 90 days

Training module: Introduction to residential heat systems

Personnel subject to requirement: All heating technicians and auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: N/A

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Training module: Combustion analysis and retrofit (oil)

Personnel subject to requirement: All heating technicians and auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: N/A

Training module: Combustion analysis and retrofit (gas)

Personnel subject to requirement: All heating technicians and auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: N/A

Training module: Home energy auditing

Personnel subject to requirement: All auditors

Installers must take within days of employment / contracting: N/A

Additional Workforce Considerations

As many agencies are preparing to significantly expand their staff and/or contractor pool, DCED advises that agencies conduct a background check on employees and contractors who will be used to deliver ARRA weatherization services.

Ensuring High Performance Throughout the Weatherization System

DCED will establish new provisions to enhance program efficiency, effectiveness and accountability.

Streamlining Purchasing and Contracting

All WAP sub-grantees will participate in a statewide procurement process for materials and equipment. This purchasing program is intended to reduce the costs borne by sub-grantees in order to maximize the amount of weatherization work that can occur. DCED will consider exceptions to this requirement if an agency's production deadlines are inconsistent with delivery options on the statewide contract.

For materials and equipment that are not required to be purchased from the statewide procurement process, DCED will provide standardized contracts to be used by sub-grantees.

Timeline Requirements and Production Goals

All agency production plans, for both the base allocation and allocation enhancements, will include monthly production goals subject to approval by DCED. Agencies that do not meet their quarterly production targets may be replaced after two quarters. Each agency will also be required to expend at least 50% of its total stimulus allocation by September 30, 2010, or may be removed from the program.

Payment Process to Help Agencies Expand Operations

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Agencies may need to substantially increase their operational capacity in order to meet their stimulus production goals. Because this will require immediate purchase of equipment and materials, DCED will provide agencies with up to 50% of their base allocation in up-front payment, upon review of a budget and demonstration of need, with a process for recouping funds if warranted. The remainder of the allocation will be drawn down under the standard payment process.

Introduction of Performance Contracting Protocol

The Pennsylvania weatherization program will transition to a pay-for-performance model over the next two years, based on whether weatherized households are meeting energy use reduction and efficiency targets. Beginning immediately, all clients will be required to provide approval for the WAP to receive their monthly energy bills directly from the utility for at least one year after weatherization occurs. In the case of weatherization clients who rely on home heating oil, DCED will work with agencies to develop a protocol for the client to provide information on their oil dealer and permission for exchange of purchase information between the oil dealer and the WAP.

Agencies and their participating contractors and sub-contractors, where applicable, will only be able to participate in the FY2010-11 WAP if their 2009-10 initial performance meets energy reduction targets. In subsequent years, program payment will be based on whether units have met their energy targets over a set period of time.

DCED will publish a draft performance contracting plan during FY2009-10 and receive public input before making any revisions and publishing final provisions.

Ensuring Client Commitment to Energy Conservation

Auditors will continue to provide clients with education on ways to reduce their energy use and costs. In addition, in order to participate in the weatherization program, clients will be required to sign a compact setting out their commitment to conservation. DCED will publish the compact for use by agencies, which will include commitments such as:

- Setting thermostat back 5 to 10 degrees at night or when no one is home.
- Closing curtains at night and opening them during the day during winter.
- Checking furnace filters monthly during the heating or cooling season, and changing or cleaning them as necessary.
- Opening all registers, and not obstructing them with furniture or rugs.
- Cleaning grills when they appear dusty.
- Checking prime and storm windows regularly during cold weather to make sure they are closed.
- Servicing oil-fired heating systems annually.

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If a client's energy use increases following weatherization, the auditor or alternative agency staff approved by DCED will be required to conduct a follow-up site visit and provide additional education to the client.

Enhancing Oversight of the Weatherization Assistance Program

An updated "Monitoring Guidelines and Procedures" document was distributed before the beginning of the 2008-09 program year in order to standardize monitoring procedures and instruments and provide agencies with a clearer understanding of the process and content of onsite monitoring.

In the most recently completed program year (2007-08), 5.2% of weatherized units received on-site inspections and 9.1% of the client files were reviewed for contract compliance.

As part of this monitoring effort, all 42 sub-grantee agencies were monitored at least once and 32 of the 42 agencies were monitored two or three times.

DCED will enhance its monitoring by establishing a monitoring, compliance and reporting system that includes:

- Inspection of 10% of all units focusing on the energy audit and work prioritization; and
- Inspection of 10% of all units focusing on the installation work and its consistency with the energy audit.

Monitoring by DCED will include all of the following:

1. Current Quality Assurance: Field inspections of current year jobs, including jobs in progress rather than just completed jobs.
2. Current Year Documentation in the files for completed jobs.
3. Current Year Blower Door Readings: pre, post and the percent reduction averaged per house. This information will be compared to that of other agencies working in comparable housing stock in order to monitor quality of the work, as infiltration reduction correlates to energy savings in space heating.
4. Current Year Cost Per House to ensure reasonableness.
5. Financial Monitoring: A financial monitoring team will spot-check agencies and provide technical assistance to strengthen internal controls. There are currently 3 full-time staff assigned to conduct on-site monitoring on behalf of DCED. To meet the needs of the stimulus expansion, DCED is exploring contracting with an outside vendor to complete the new monitoring or hiring 8 full-time staff for the duration of the ARRA grant period.

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Contract Compliance Requirements

All large agencies will be required to have a Contract Compliance Officer, who should report to the agency's Fiscal Department rather than the agency's Weatherization Director.

Agencies will be required to separate purchasing from the rest of weatherization functions.

Purchasing Systems

Purchasing systems should be designed to track inventory usage and expense. Once the inventory function of the Hancock Energy System (HES) software is enabled, agencies will be able to use it to monitor inventory down to the individual house level, and DCED will monitor purchasing within each agency and across agencies.

Financial Disclosure

All sub-grantees will be required to file financial disclosure statements for officers and Directors.

Conflicts of Interest

All sub-grantee management staff and purchasing personnel will be required to file conflict of interest statements.

Annual Energy Savings Impact Evaluation

The best way to ensure that the weatherization program is achieving its goals and that there is no waste or other problems occurring is to have the program independently evaluated every year. DCED will issue an RFP seeking an external evaluation from a leading national evaluator. The evaluation will measure energy savings down to the subcontractor level and report on energy saved in relation to the cost per house. The evaluation results will inform DCED's monitoring and technical assistance.

Oversight and Reporting

Pennsylvania is committed to accountability and transparency in the use of all ARRA funds. The Commonwealth has:

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- Established a Recovery website at www.Recovery.PA.gov to make information on the allocation and impact of stimulus funding available to the public
- Appointed a federal stimulus Chief Accountability Officer
- Appointed a federal stimulus Chief Implementation Officer
- Convened by Executive Order a Pennsylvania Stimulus Oversight Commission

Pennsylvania and the federal government will institute enhanced reporting by subgrantees in order to track program effectiveness in terms of meeting major stimulus goals: energy conservation, job creation and provision of services to help vulnerable residents.

The United States Department of Energy has also indicated that it will require financial and progress reports from the state, which will, at minimum, include reporting on the following measures:

- Jobs created at the state agency level
- Jobs created using state contractors
- Jobs retained at the state agency level
- Jobs retained with state contractors
- Jobs created at the local agency level
- Jobs created using local agency contractors
- Jobs retained at the local agency level
- Jobs retained with local agency contractors
- State desk monitoring/oversight visits
- State on-site monitoring/oversight visits
- Hours trained at the state agency
- Hours trained at the local agency
- Equipment units purchased that are more than \$5,000

Additional Components of the State Plan Authorization

The Energy Conservation in Existing Buildings Act of 1976, Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (referred to as “the Act”), authorized the Federal Energy Administration, which is now part of the Department of Energy (DOE), to establish a Weatherization Assistance Program to aid low-income households, with emphasis on those who are elderly and handicapped, to decrease fuel consumption and related energy costs.

ARRA of 2009, Public law 111-5, appropriates funding for DOE to issue/award formula based grants under the Weatherization Assistance Program.

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In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development (hereinafter referred to as the Department), as the designee of the governor, applies for, receives and administers these funds. The funds are distributed by the Department to local governments and non-profit organizations such as Community Action Agencies.

Each federal fiscal year a State Plan is required for continued participation in the program. This document constitutes the proposed Pennsylvania State Plan for ARRA funds for the Weatherization Assistance Program for federal program period 2009-2012. As such, it establishes the number of homes to be weatherized within the limits of available resources, the specific energy conservation measures to be undertaken, eligibility requirements, projected energy savings, program implementation strategies, specific training initiatives, reporting requirements, monitoring mandates, and specific contractual language addressing compliance issues with production schedules and other DOE program requirements. The content of the proposed plan are derived where applicable from DOE regulations as contained in the Federal Register, 10 CFR Part 440 Final Rule, published February 1, 2002, and specific DOE instructions from Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-000051. In accordance with DE-FOA-0000051, DCED submitted its initial application for weatherization assistance funds under the ARRA on March 23, 2009. On March 27, 2009, DCED was notified of receipt of 10% of its grant award, or \$25,279,306.

Davis-Bacon Act

DCED will provide contractual language that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through funding appropriated by ARRA are paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality (Davis-Bacon Act).

Lead Safe Weatherization

The PA Weatherization Assistance Program will implement revised rules for Lead Safe Weatherization (LSW) as per guidance provided in DOE Weatherization Program Notices 08-6 and 09-6. Lead safe weatherization methods will be updated in the "PA Weatherization Standards and Field Guide" as identified in the On-File Information of this plan.

Policy Advisory Council

In accordance with 10 CFR, Section 440.17, DCED established a Weatherization and Energy Conservation Policy Council. The Weatherization and Energy Conservation Policy Council advises DCED on issues related to the conduct and administration of the WAP.

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The proposed plan is reviewed by the Policy Council and, where feasible, their comments and recommendations are included prior to submission of the plan to the Department of Energy. The Council includes representatives of energy advocacy groups, social service agencies, electric utilities, utility associations, subgrantees and other governmental agencies. The Policy Council plans to meet two to three times per year. A copy of the current membership is provided in the attachment section of this plan.

Public Hearing

A public hearing on this plan was held at the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA, on May 5, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Notice of the hearing was filed with the Legislative Reference Bureau and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on April 25, 2009. A copy of the hearing notice, transcript and written comments are attached to this plan. The state plan file includes both the Master File (On-File) and the Annual File. The state has updated the appropriate Master File element to include revised health and safety procedures for Lead Safe Weatherization (LSW).

The following attachments include the proposed Production Schedule, Estimated Energy Savings and Agency Allocations for the formula.

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Website:

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/about.cfm> or

<http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/weatherization/state_contacts_detail.cfm/state=PA

<http://www.newpa.com/strengthen-your-community/redeveloping-your-community/housing/weatherization/index.aspx>.

**\$300 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR ENERGY STAR PROGRAM OFFERING TAX CREDITS TO
CONSUMERS PURCHASING NEW, EFFICIENT APPLIANCES**

Implementation:

ENERGY STAR is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy helping to save money and protect the environment through energy efficient products and practices. ARRA extends tax credits through 2010 and increases the amount of the tax credit to 30% of qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year. Information regarding what will qualify under the tax credit is available on the ENERGY STAR website.

- The tax credits that were previously effective for 2009, have been extended to 2010 as well.
- The tax credit has been raised from 10% to 30%.
- The tax credits that were for a specific dollar amount (ex \$300 for a CAC), have been converted to 30% of the cost.
- The maximum credit has been raised from \$500 to \$1,500 total for the two year period (2009-2010). However, some improvements such as geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, and solar panels are not subject to the \$1,500 maximum.
- The \$200 cap on windows has been removed, but the requirements for windows has been increased significantly. Not all ENERGY STAR qualified windows will qualify.

Home Improvements

- must be "[placed in service](#)" from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010
- must be for taxpayer's principal residence, EXCEPT for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, and small wind energy systems (where second homes and rentals qualify)

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- \$1,500 is the maximum total amount that can be claimed for all products placed in service in 2009 & 2010 for most home improvements, EXCEPT for geothermal heat pumps, solar water heaters, solar panels, fuel cells, and small wind energy systems which are not subject to this cap, and are in effect through 2016
- must have a [Manufacturer Certification Statement](#) to qualify
- for record keeping, save your receipts and the [Manufacturer Certification Statement](#)
- improvements made in 2009 will be claimed on your 2009 taxes (filed by April 15, 2010) — use IRS Tax Form 5695 (2009 version) — it will be available late 2009 or early 2010
- If you are building a new home, you can qualify for the tax credit for geothermal heat pumps, photovoltaics, solar water heaters, small wind energy systems and fuel cells, ***but not the tax credits for windows, doors, insulation, roofs, HVAC, or non-solar water heaters.***

Contact:

ENERGY STAR hotline 888-782-7937

Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220

Website:

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=products.pr_tax_credits#s1
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-41.pdf>

\$2 BILLION FOR ADVANCED BATTERIES MANUFACTURING GRANTS

Implementation:

Posted Date: Mar 19, 2009

Creation Date: Mar 19, 2009

Current Closing Date for Applications: May 19, 2009

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Energy

Recovery Act

CFDA Number(s): 81.087 -- Renewable Energy Research and Development

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above)

Agency Name: National Energy Technology Laboratory

Description: Consistent with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE's) Vehicle Technologies (VT) Program, is seeking applications for grants supporting the construction (including production

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capacity increase of current plants), of U.S. based manufacturing plants to produce batteries and electric drive components.

Contact:

National Energy Technology Laboratory: (412) 386-6000

Website:

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/>

\$300 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO BUY EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES AND TRUCKS (ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLE PILOT PROGRAM)

Implementation:

Competitive grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, air pollution control districts, and private or non-profit entities.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding: Funds for cost-shared projects that expand the use of alternative fuel and advanced vehicle technologies including the installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support these vehicles (up to \$300 million will be available in this AOI). Up to 30 awards with a 50/50 cost share will be appointed. The funding minimum per project is \$5 million to a maximum of \$15 million. As required by Section 721 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, prospective applicants are limited to heads of state, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities (or combinations of these) working with a designated Clean Cities coalition.

Proposals that are ready for immediate initiation, including evidence of mature design, site agreements, site licensing and permitting, partner commitments, and equipment availability, will receive higher priority in the evaluation process.

Application deadlines: May 29, 2009 (First round) and September 30, 2009 (Second round)

Eligibility: State and local governments and metropolitan transportation agencies

Activities: funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid vehicle project funded by the grant are also eligible.

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<http://www.phillycleancities.org/>
www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

\$16.8 BILLION FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE AND EFFICIENT ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (BIOMASS, GEOTHERMAL, BASE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INTO ADDITIONAL RENEWABLE)

Implementation: 10 Energy Programs, including Biomass Program; Building Technologies Program; Federal Energy Management Program; Geothermal Technologies Program; Hydrogen Fuel Cells & Infrastructure Program; Industrial Technologies Program; Solar Energy Technologies Program; Vehicle Technologies; Wind & Hydropower Technologies Program; and Weatherization & Intergovernmental Program
See specific programs below. Additional information will be posted on the websites listed below.

Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - 202-586-9220

Website: <http://www.energy.gov/recovery/funding.htm>
www.eere.energy.gov

Biomass

Implementation: Recovery Act, Office of the Biomass Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of the Biomass Program (OBP) intends to issue two Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) to address research and development efforts related to intermediate ethanol blends and algal and advanced biofuels. DOE expects to publish both FOAs in the summer of 2009. This special advance notice is intended to provide potential applicants the opportunity to develop partnerships and begin the process of gathering data to prepare their applications.

No applications or questions will be accepted at this time.

Brief descriptions of the two FOAs are as follows:

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Recovery Act Funding for Expansion of Infrastructure for Ethanol Blends
(open for 60 days)

The purpose of this prospective FOA is to increase the availability and use of potential ethanol blends up to 85 percent ethanol. Two areas of interest have been identified to increase both the awareness and the use of ethanol blends for transportation.

Topic Area 1: Refueling Infrastructure for Ethanol Blends

DOE will be seeking cost-shared projects to expand the infrastructure at retail fueling locations to accommodate gasoline-ethanol blends. Expected projects may include modifications, upgrades or expansions of existing infrastructure at retail stations, or the installation of new equipment to accommodate blends of ethanol.

Topic Area 2: Education and Outreach for Ethanol Blends

DOE is seeking projects which will increase public awareness of the benefits, safety, and use requirements of ethanol blends. Projects are sought which will present accurate, unbiased, factual information on ethanol to targeted audiences. Proposed projects will be expected to include detailed plans with identified metrics for measuring the effectiveness of the education effort.

Recovery Act Funding of Development of Algal Biofuels and Advanced Fungible Biofuels through Consortia (open for 90 days)

The purpose of this prospective FOA is to address the interface between fundamental and applied research in these respective areas by utilizing consortia with the necessary expertise to effectively and efficiently develop algal and advanced fungible biofuels technologies. Note that DOE will not be seeking to construct new facilities but leverage existing capabilities and resources to the maximum extent possible. DOE expects to fund projects over multiple years. Two topic areas will be included in the FOA. Each is described in more detail below.

Topic Area 1: Algal Biofuels Research and Development

The primary objective of this topic area is to develop cost effective algae based biofuels that are competitive with their petroleum counterparts. The research and development will focus on the following five key barriers as identified in DOE's National Algal Biofuels Roadmap:

- Feedstock Supply: Strain development and cultivation;
- Feedstock Logistics: Harvesting and extraction;
- Conversion/Production: Accumulation of intermediate and synthesis of fuels and co-products;
- Infrastructure: Fuel testing and standardization; and

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- Sustainable Practices: Life-cycle and economic analyses, siting, and resources management.

Consortium Details:

DOE seeks the formation of partnerships in this area because a suite of technologies is required for algal biofuels commercialization and because cost sharing can maximize the leveraging of public funds. Consortia may include leading scientists from an appropriate mix of academia, government and/or non-government laboratories, user facilities (e.g. the Joint Genome Institute), non-profit organizations, and private industry. Additionally, the consortia should seek to utilize ‘best-in-class’ technologies, and engage end users and other field experts outside the traditional disciplines of science and engineering.

At a minimum, the partnerships should have the expertise to address the following aspects:

- Fundamental strain biology as it relates to cultivation;
- Process engineering and modeling;
- Algae processing (harvesting and intermediates extraction) and resource management; and
- Production of value added co-products.

The ideal partnerships will have existing facilities that enable technology demonstration and analytical measurements of the integrated process at larger than bench-scale. The development effort will support three years with the intent of accelerating technology development.

Topic Area 2: Advanced Fungible Biofuels

The primary objective of this topic area is to develop technology pathways leading to cost effective (compared to petroleum based fuels) conversion of biomass to advanced biofuels other than cellulosic ethanol with particular interest in bio-based hydrocarbon fuels, e.g. green gasoline and diesel. The technology pathways proposed can employ biological, thermochemical, and/or chemical conversion of cellulosic or non-food natural oil based feedstocks. This effort will focus on the development of cost competitive, infrastructure-compatible, advanced fungible biofuels, such as green gasoline and green diesel in an ‘accelerated-to-market’ timeframe. The areas of research could include the following:

- Chemical conversion of cellulosic sugars;
- Selective thermal processing technologies;
- Utilization of petroleum refining technology for conversion of biocrude;
- Catalyst specificity and lifetime;
- Engineering designs;
- Biomass processing catalyst development; and

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- Biomass-to-liquids (fuels) catalyst development.

The development effort will support three years with the intent of accelerating the technology development. The resulting advanced fungible biofuel should be of a high energy density and compatible with existing hydrocarbon fuel distribution and end use systems.

Consortium Details:

In order to efficiently and effectively develop and deploy advanced fungible biofuels, a consortium of partners is needed. Consortia may include leading scientists from academia, government and/or non-government labs, non-profit organizations, and private industry that can bring a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach to solving the scientific barriers associated with making cost effective biomass-derived hydrocarbon compatible fuels. Because the research will lead to deployment of the technologies, it will be necessary to engage industry and other partners to cost share to maximize the leveraging of public funds. The consortia will need to involve an organizational teaming effort where the teams bring unique capabilities that provide a synergy to the overall development effort.

This Special Notice is intended to provide potential applicants advance notice of two upcoming Office of the Biomass Program Funding Opportunity Announcements. Prospective applicants should begin developing partnerships, formulating ideas, and gathering data in anticipation of the issuance of these FOAs. Please do not respond or submit questions in response to this Special Notice.

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Website: <https://e-center2.doe.gov/doebiz.nsf/d76fbc294818822885256d98006c63b6/2479f50d3a7cd818862575ad006cf573?OpenDocument>
www.eere.energy.gov

Biomass Projects - Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations

Implementation: Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000096
Opportunity Category: Discretionary
Posted Date: May 06, 2009
Creation Date: May 06, 2009
Current Closing Date for Applications: Jun 30, 2009 In order for the Biomass Program to meet programmatic requirements.
Funding Instrument Type: Cooperative Agreement
Other

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Category of Funding Activity: Energy
Recovery Act

Category Explanation: Recovery Act Funds

Expected Number of Awards: 15

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$480,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$50,000,000

Award Floor: \$0

CFDA Number(s): 81.087 -- Renewable Energy Research and
Development

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants: Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above),

Agency Name

Golden Field Office

Description

The full Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is posted in
FedConnect, and is found by going to

https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/PublicSearch/Public_Opportunities.aspx. Under Search Criteria, select Reference Number, and in the next field enter the FOA number (you may also search by other criteria). It is the responsibility of the applicant, prior to the Application due date and time, to verify successful transmission. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) enables DOE to support renewable energy research, development, demonstration and deployment activities, which includes accelerating the development of biomass technologies. Recovery Act funds specifically assist in expediting the construction and deployment of “shovel ready” projects and to create jobs. Other requirements for Recovery Act projects can be found at Recovery.gov and in the OMB guidelines. All proposals must demonstrate the understanding of and compliance with Recovery Act intentions and OMB guidelines. The intent of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will be to select integrated biorefinery projects that have the necessary technical and economic performance data that validates their readiness for the next level of scale-up. In general, integrated biorefineries employ various combinations of feedstocks and conversion technologies to produce a variety of products, with the main focus on producing biofuels and bioproducts. Co- or by-products can include additional fuels, chemicals (or other materials), and heat and power. For the purpose of this FOA, the term “integrated biorefinery” is a facility that uses an “acceptable feedstock” (as defined in the FOA), to produce a biofuel or bioproduct as the “primary product” (as defined in the FOA)

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and may produce other products including additional fuels, chemicals (or other materials), and heat and power as co-products. These integrated biorefineries would produce, as their primary product, a liquid transportation fuel that supports, depending on topic area, meeting the advanced, renewable or advanced biofuels portion of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS) or, depending on topic area, a bioproduct that substitutes for petroleum-based feedstocks and products. DOE encourages applications that propose novel or breakthrough technologies and those that include appropriate collaboration between and among industry, academia, and DOE National Laboratories, FFRDCs (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers) or other government-funded facilities. Use the Quick Start Guide to assist you with FedConnect:

https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH FEDCONNECT AT <https://www.fedconnect.net/> TO BE CONSIDERED

FOR AWARD. To submit an application in response to this FOA,

Applicants must be registered with FedConnect. Before you can register with FedConnect, you will need the following: 1. Your company's DUNS (including plus 4 extension if applicable). If you don't know your company's DUNS or if your company does not have a DUNS you can search for it or request one at

<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do> . 2. A federal Central Contractor Registration (CCR) account. If your company is not currently registered with CCR, please register at www.ccr.gov before continuing with your FedConnect registration. 3. Possibly, your company's CCR MPIN. If you are the first person from your company to register, FedConnect will need to create a company account. Only a person who knows your company's CCR MPIN can do this. To find out who this is in your company, go to <http://www.ccr.gov/> and click Search CCR. Once you've found your company, locate the Electronic Business Point of Contact. After the initial FedConnect account is created, employees can register themselves without the MPIN. If you are not sure whether your company has an account with FedConnect, don't worry. Complete the registration form and FedConnect will let you know.

Applicants who are not registered with CCR and FedConnect, should allow at least 21 days to complete these requirements. It is suggested that the process be started as soon as possible. For those Applicants already registered in CCR, the CCR registration must be updated annually at <http://www.ccr.gov/Renew.aspx>. Questions regarding the content of the announcement must be submitted through the FedConnect portal. You must register with FedConnect to respond as an interested party to submit questions, and to view responses to questions. It is recommended that you register as soon after release of the FOA as possible to have the benefit of

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all responses. More information is available at https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/PublicPages/FedConnect_Ready_Set_Go.pdf. DOE will try to respond to a question within 3 business days, unless a similar question and answer have already been posted on the website. Questions pertaining to the submission of applications through FedConnect should be directed by e-mail to support@FedConnect.net or by phone to FedConnect Support at 1-800-899-6665.

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Website: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=GSmrKDGG1RJPK40HMKL8s20KBcpvRQqQJqTLcvHNV9vJrhztNPGp!-1521724462?oppId=47227&flag2006=false&mode=VIEW>
www.eere.energy.gov

Large Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility

Implementation: This is a Notice of an Upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

Subject: Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) No.: To Be Determined

Description:

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Golden Field Office (GO) intends to issue, on behalf of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program (WHTP), a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "Recovery Act: Large Wind Turbine Drivetrain Testing Facility."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) enables DOE to support research and development for increasing the reliability of large-scale wind turbines. The United States lacks a test stand large enough to test today's utility-scale turbine systems and larger designs. A large drivetrain testing facility, which will feature an instrumented dynamometer test stand, will enable the wind industry to develop, test and validate large-scale land based and off-shore wind turbine drivetrain systems domestically. Drivetrain testing is required to demonstrate the meeting of wind turbine design standards, reduce wind turbine costs, secure product financing, and reduce the technical and financial risk of deploying mass-produced wind turbine models. Construction and operation of an appropriately sized dynamometer and test facility in the United States will enable the identification and characterization of drivetrain design and manufacturing deficiencies for

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product improvement prior to commercial deployment, encourage domestic manufacturing and technology development, create jobs and result in overall improved product reliability. The new testing capability will ultimately improve the country's competitiveness in wind energy technology, lower energy costs for consumers, and maintain a high trajectory of wind energy growth that contributes to increasing the Nation's renewable energy generation.

Background

A major trend over the last decade within the wind industry is the use of larger wind turbines. The average turbine size has continued to increase with each new generation of turbines. Due to economies of size, these machines have achieved reductions in life cycle cost of energy. The average size of wind turbines installed in the United States in 2007 increased to roughly 1.65 MW. However, turbines have already been developed that range in the 2.5 MW to 3.5 MW capacity sizes, with plans being developed for even greater power ratings. The larger wind turbines have outpaced the availability of U.S.-based testing facilities for gear box testing.

The drivetrain is the vital link transferring rotor energy to the generator in the vast majority of wind turbines. With the power capacities of wind turbines accelerating rapidly, designing ever-larger gearboxes with optimal vibration characteristics and then testing these characteristics is necessary to achieve improved performance, lifecycle and reliability. A large U.S. dynamometer drivetrain facility is now needed to advance the industry's capabilities to perform dynamic gearbox testing and analysis. This would allow the assessment of gearbox/drivetrain options, problems and solutions under simulated field conditions. It is critical to build a better understanding of how the wide range of possible load events translates into bearing and gear response.

In addition, a new U.S. large dynamometer test facility will be needed for the following reasons:

-- The long-term reliability of the current generation of megawatt-scale drivetrains has not yet been fully verified through field operating experience. As a result of fleet-wide gearbox maintenance issues and related failures with some designs in the past, it is now becoming an increasingly standard practice to perform extensive dynamometer testing of new gearbox configurations to prove performance, durability and reliability before they are introduced into serial production.

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-- There is a broad consensus that wind turbine drivetrain technology will evolve significantly (based on needs) in the next several years to reduce weight and cost and improve reliability. Dynamometer testing facilities will be critical for the research and development of the next generation of turbines to be designed and manufactured in the U.S. These proposed facilities will provide the U.S. wind industry with an opportunity to perform research targeted at determining root causes of failure and investigating solutions. It will advance the understanding of the behavior of gear and bearing elements in wind turbines and help the U.S. industry maintain technological competitiveness and foster expanded marketshare.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL SCOPE

The primary area of interest is the design and construction of a large dynamometer facility capable of highly accelerated life testing of 5-15MW rated land based and off-shore wind turbine drivetrains, with supporting systems, and the operation and maintenance of these facilities for the benefit of wind stakeholders nationwide. This facility will be formally identified as a Federal User Facility and all the requirements will apply. The proposed facility can be new construction or involve the design and modification of an existing building suitable for electrical, mechanical, and other physical needs associated with a dynamometer test stand. Overhead cranes, access doors, and other facility infrastructure suitable for accommodating associated components and equipment will be required. It is envisioned that the facility will include sufficient office space for permanent staff and visiting users as well as conference rooms, lunch room, restrooms, computer stations, etc. Applicants will be required to submit detailed multi-phase plans including concept designs, preliminary designs, engineering procurement and construction contract management, and operation and maintenance. Applicants will also be required to set forth a plan for allowing users to access the facility and the disposition of intellectual property (e.g. patents, technical data) that arise as a result of testing at the facility. Applicants need to be free of conflict of interest such as turbine manufacturers who would use the testing facility.

Each proposal must include organizational participants from university, state and local government, and a plan for achieving long term sustainable operation, maintenance and funding without DOE assistance. Leveraging of DOE's investment through applicant cost sharing will be a criterion considered in the evaluation of applications. Applicants must demonstrate capabilities and experience in 1) drivetrain testing, 2) business management and operation of industrial facilities, and 3) ability to develop an end-user facility for the benefit of the nation.

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Recovery Act funds are specifically to assist in expediting the construction and deployment of “shovel-ready” projects and to create jobs. Other requirements for Recovery Act projects can be found at Recovery.gov and the OMB guidelines. All proposals must demonstrate the understanding of and compliance with Recovery Act intentions and OMB guidelines.

C. General Information

DOE envisions awarding a single \$45 Million financial assistance grant award on a competitive basis. This award will require cost share contributions in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Details about cost share requirements will be included in the FOA along with the details of technical areas of interest, proposal preparation instructions and application merit review and evaluation criteria.

DOE plans to release the FOA in June, 2009. The FOA will be available for viewing at Grants.gov (<http://www.grants.gov>) and at www.FedConnect.net. Applicants are strongly encouraged to register at these sites to receive notification of announcements posted by DOE Golden Field Office. When the FOA is released, applications will only be received through FedConnect. Organizations with system-to-system capabilities with Grants.gov for their submissions may continue to use their systems, and their applications will be accepted in Grants.gov to be considered for award.

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<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do> to receive a number free of charge or call 1-866-705-5711.

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The DOE will not entertain questions at this time. Once a FOA has been released, a "submit questions" feature will be defined.

DISCLAIMER

This Notice is issued so that interested parties are aware of the DOE's intention to issue this FOA. DOE reserves the right to change the requirements of any proposed FOA, issue a FOA involving only a portion of the elements listed, or not issue a FOA at all. Any of the information contained in this Notice is subject to change. Any amounts proposed for funding are subject to the availability of funding.

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Wind Energy Consortia between Institutions of Higher Learning and Industry

Implementation: This is a Notice of an Upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement.
NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS TIME.

Subject: Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement
(FOA) No.: DE-FOA-0000090

Description: The Department of Energy's (DOE) Golden Field Office (GO) intends to issue, on behalf of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program (WHTP), a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) entitled "Recovery Act: Wind Energy Consortia between Institutions of Higher Learning and Industry"

Title IV of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directs DOE to preserve and create jobs, promote economic recovery, and provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science.

The mission of the WHTP is stewardship of national resources to increase the development and deployment of reliable, affordable, and environmentally sustainable wind and water power and realize the benefits of domestic renewable energy production. Fulfilling this mission will result in greater energy security and enhanced domestic economic benefit through more diverse, clean, reliable, affordable, and secure domestic electricity supplies. The Program contributes directly to EERE's and DOE's mission of improving national, energy, and economic security and of increasing the diversity of our Nation's energy resources. The Program launched an effort, in collaboration with industry, to assess the potential for and impact of supplying 20% of the Nation's electricity needs from wind energy.

In June 2008, DOE issued the "20% Wind Energy by 2030" report. The report found that the Nation possesses wind energy resources sufficient to meet the 20% scenario. The major challenges identified in the report include availability of electric transmission and ability to integrate large amounts of wind energy, continued reduction in wind capital cost and improvement in turbine performance through technology advancement, and improved domestic supply chain and manufacturing capabilities. A surge in wind capacity will require a trained and educated workforce that

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can manufacture, install, operate and maintain wind turbines and operate the Nation's electricity transmission infrastructure. In addition, enhanced long-term turbine reliability will require research and development (R&D) of components and improved methods for operation and maintenance (O&M) of turbines.

Proposals are sought to stimulate jobs in the wind manufacturing and construction sectors, further advancements in R&D, eliminate barriers to the further deployment of wind energy, reduce the cost and risk of wind energy installations, and stimulate partnerships between institutions of higher learning and the wind industry. The workforce development initiatives will enhance wind energy education that maps to the green energy economy, including the creation of a new generation of energy professionals and wind technologists of the future.

Below is a limited list of areas in which proposals will be sought. Proposals are not limited to this list.

- 1) Partnerships for Wind Research and Turbine Reliability: Universities in regions of the country representative of the mid-west wind belt (typically having a steady Class 3-4 resource all year) are encouraged to team with industry partners to establish facilities/equipment and a research agenda necessary to study major challenges facing today's wind industry. Proposals that address one or more challenges described in the "20% Wind Energy by 2030" report and include descriptions of how the wind hardware and software purchased will be requested. DOE will highly encourage research in "turbine reliability" as a topic in any consortia proposal.
- 2) Wind Energy Research & Development: University R&D to advance material design, performance measurements, analytical models, and leveraging partnerships with industry to improve power systems operations, maintenance or repair operations, wind turbine and/or component manufacturing, and interdisciplinary system integration. Fellowships, internships, etc. may be used to support the research agenda.

Eligibility will be restricted to four-year institutions of higher learning, and DOE anticipates that pre-applications will be required prior to the application deadline. All projects will be funded for maximum of two (2) years, with one or more budget periods.

General Information

DOE envisions awarding two to three financial assistance grant awards on a competitive basis. Total funding is anticipated to be \$24 Million. These

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awards will require cost sharing in accordance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Recovery Act. Details about cost share requirements will be included in the FOA along with the details of technical areas of interest, eligibility requirements, proposal preparation instructions and application merit review and evaluation criteria.

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Vehicle Technologies

Funding Opportunity Number: DE-FOA-0000028
Posted Date: Mar 19, 2009
Creation Date: Apr 29, 2009
Original Closing Date for Applications: May 13, 2009
Current Closing Date for Applications: May 13, 2009
Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Energy

Category Explanation:
Expected Number of Awards:
Estimated Total Program Funding:

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Award Ceiling: \$0

Award Floor: \$0

CFDA Number(s): 81.087 -- Renewable Energy Research and Development

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Eligible Applicants

Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Agency Name

National Energy Technology Laboratory

Description

The Department of Energy (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), on behalf of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Office of Vehicle Technologies (OVT) Program, is seeking applications for grants to establish development, demonstration, evaluation, and education projects to accelerate the market introduction and penetration of advanced electric drive vehicles. DOE's goal is for the vehicles and electric technologies to achieve a fast market introduction and reach high volume production. A key objective of the OVT program is to accelerate the development and production of various electric drive vehicle systems to substantially reduce petroleum consumption. One of the electric drive technologies that will be emphasized in this project are Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV), which directly supports the President's goal to Get One Million Plug-In Hybrid Cars on the Road by 2015. Furthermore, advanced electric drive technologies will allow manufacturers to meet increased fuel economy standards while reducing vehicular emissions of greenhouse gases. The resulting grants will also meaningfully aide in the nation's economic recovery by creating US based jobs as outlined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

\$378 MILLION FOR TRANSPORT ELECTRIFICATION GRANTS

Implementation:

Competitive grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions, including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support equipment and cargo handling equipment

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\$4.4 BILLION FOR MODERNIZATION OF THE ELECTRIC GRID (R&D AND PILOT PROJECTS FOR THE SMART GRID INVESTMENT PROGRAM)

Implementation: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facility recovery from disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.
Solicitation Number: DE-FOA-0000058A Notice Type:
Presolicitation Synopsis:
This Notice of Intent provides information on what types of projects qualify and how they will be evaluated, what entities are eligible to apply, the anticipated levels of federal funding per project, dates for application submission, and other requirements. DOE invites prospective applicants to submit comments that convey concerns or needs for clarification. The comment period, which is discussed in more detail in a later section, will end at 5:00pm EST on May 6, 2009. After considering the comments, DOE will then issue the Funding Opportunity Announcement currently planned for June 17, 2009.

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Websites: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>
<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrip.htm>
http://www.oe.energy.gov/information_center/american_recovery_reinvestment_act.htm#Notice_of_Intent

https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ebe206ba070c516398e5f68a1ad0979f&tab=core&_cview=0

\$1 BILLION FOR FOSSIL ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Implementation: Research and Development Programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently store greenhouse gases.

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Contact: Office of Energy, Efficiency and Renewable Energy - (800) 553-7681
Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$1.52 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL CARBON CAPTURE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.

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Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR IDENTIFYING SITES TO STORE CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

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Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$800 MILLION FOR RESEARCH INTO LOW-EMISSION COAL PLANTS

Implementation: Sign up on the website to receive notification as new information is posted to the website.

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Website: <http://www.netl.doe.gov/> ("solicitations / business" tab on the left)

\$1.6 BILLION FOR PHYSICS RESEARCH INCLUDING HIGH-ENERGY PHYSICS, NUCLEAR PHYSICS AND FUSION ENERGY SCIENCES

Implementation: Grants will primarily awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion energy science almost exclusively to the National Laboratories.

Website: www.science.doe.gov
http://science.doe.gov/National_Laboratories/Recovery_Gov/index.html
<http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html>

\$400 MILLION FOR HIGH-RISK RESEARCH INTO ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ADVANCED RESEARCH PROJECTS AGENCY (ARPA-E))

Implementation: ARPA-E is still in the process of being stood up by the Department of Energy.

[Awards](#) to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research and development centers. The purpose is to support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and alternative energy sources and energy.

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Contact: ARPA-E@hq.doe.gov.
Or you can contact the program by mail:
Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Website: <http://arpa-e.energy.gov/>

\$6 BILLION FOR INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY LOANS & \$ 4 BILLION FOR TRANSMISSION LOANS

Implementation: Loan guarantees to eligible applicants including any firm, corporation, company, partnership, association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-federal entity that meets specified guidelines (see website below for more specific details)

ARRA provides \$6 billion to pay the cost of guarantees for loans authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The purpose of these loan guarantees is to stimulate the deployment of conventional renewable and transmission technologies and innovative biofuels technologies. However, to qualify eligible projects must be under construction by September 30, 2011, meaning that longer-term projects that are not already progressing are unlikely to be able to qualify. The face value of the loans that may be guaranteed by this appropriation will depend on the subsidy costs assigned to the projects that are eventually selected. For example, if the average subsidy cost were 10 percent of the face value of the loans, the \$6 billion appropriated would support loan guarantees on \$60 billion worth of debt financing. This provision has been represented by lowering the cost of financing by 2 percentage points for all eligible renewable projects brought on by 2015. The 2015 date, 4 years after the September 30, 2011, start of construction cutoff date, was chosen to allow for the construction period associated with most renewable generating technologies.

A different approach was taken to represent the possible impacts on innovative biofuel projects. It was assumed that the availability of loan guarantees would allow certain identified projects to be built that would otherwise not proceed under the current financial climate facing the industry. In the AEO2009 reference case, with assumptions developed prior to the current economic downturn, domestic cellulosic ethanol production was projected to reach 150 million gallons in 2012. However, a review of projects proceeding towards construction, suggests that, without assistance, only about 74 million gallons of domestic cellulosic ethanol production capacity will be built by 2012, because financing for these developers has become extremely difficult to obtain and some projects have been canceled. With the loan guarantees arising from the stimulus package, it is assumed that the 2012 production rises back to

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about 110 to 170 million gallons, with additional capacity additions occurring under the same financing structure as in AEO2009.

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Phone: 202-586-8336
Fax: 202-586-7366

Website: <http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html>

\$5.127 BILLION FOR NUCLEAR WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP

Implementation: Accelerated nuclear waste cleanup at sites contaminated as a result of the nation's past nuclear activities.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

Website: <http://www.em.doe.gov/emrecovery/EMRecovery.aspx>

\$6.5 BILLION FOR CLEANUP OF FORMER NUCLEAR DEFENSE SITES

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov. All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

Contact: 202-586-1411

Website: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>

\$390 MILLION FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

\$10 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS FOR FEDERAL MARKETING ADMINISTRATION

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
All bids for federal contracts will be posted on the [www.fedbizopps](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) website

\$100 MILLION FOR TRAINING OF ELECTRIC GRID WORKERS

Implementation: Information will be available at www.recovery.gov.
A portion may go to apprentice type programs and could include competitive grants to states to administer energy and energy efficiency workforce programs; partners could include non-profits, labor associations, state and local veterans' communities, and state and local governments.

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For additional energy related programs, see Department of the Treasury

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery

**\$86.6 BILLION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) INCREASE
(\$680,278,921 FOR PENNSYLVANIA)**

Implementation: Funds to provide states with an increase in federal matching funds for state medicaid expenditures to avoid budget shortfalls. Funding is by formula directly to the states.

Website: www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html

\$200 MILLION FOR NIH CHALLENGE GRANTS IN HEALTH AND SCIENCE RESEARCH

Implementation: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds.

Website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/

Health Resources and Services Administration

www.hrsa.gov

\$2 BILLION FOR RENOVATION AND HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) PURCHASES FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

Implementation: The HRSA intends to post more information on its website regarding how to distribute these funds for community centers, which include funds for construction as well as provision of services.

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Federal Contact: Philadelphia Regional Division - Region 3
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Website: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/apply.htm>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants>

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\$500 MILLION FOR TRAINING OF NURSES, PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS TO PRACTICE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS

Implementation: \$300 million of these funds will go to expanded National Health Service Corps grants and scholarships. This program helps pay off education costs for individuals agreeing to work in underserved areas for at least 2 years. Additionally, \$200 million will go into promoting primary care physicians. These funds will be provided through existing grant systems.
Eligibility: Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Dentists serving in federal underserved areas.

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<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/>
<http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>

National Institutes of Health

<http://www.nih.gov/>

http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

\$155 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM

Implementation: Specific ARRA information available at the HHS recovery website listed below.
\$155 million has been released to fund 126 community health centers. In Pennsylvania, \$6.7 million is designated to help a projected 39,930 patients and create 295 jobs.

Organization Name	City	State	Award Amount
BROAD TOP AREA MEDICAL CENTER, INC.	BROAD TOP	PA	\$138,165
KEYSTONE RURAL HEALTH CENTER	CHAMBERSBURG	PA	\$439,000
CHESPENN HEALTH SERVICES	CHESTER	PA	\$220,761
GLENDALE AREA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.	COALPORT	PA	\$133,231
KEYSTONE RURAL HEALTH CONSORTIA, INC.	EMPORIUM	PA	\$149,638
COMMUNITY HEALTH NET	ERIE	PA	\$208,334
CENTERVILLE CLINICS INC	FREDERICKTOWN	PA	\$620,497

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CORNERSTONE CARE	GREENSBORO	PA	\$276,947
HAMILTON HEALTH CENTER, INC.	HARRISBURG	PA	\$265,356
WAYNE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	HONESDALE	PA	\$155,916
HYNDMAN AREA HEALTH CENTER, INC.	HYNDMAN	PA	\$134,650
SOUTHEAST LANCASTER HEALTH SERVICES	LANCASTER	PA	\$242,688
STO-ROX FAMILY HEALTH COUNCIL, INC.	MCKEES ROCKS	PA	\$147,128
WELSH MOUNTAIN MEDICAL & DENTAL CENTER	NEW HOLLAND	PA	\$173,257
COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC, INC.	NEW KENSINGTON	PA	\$100,000
COVENANT HOUSE, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$240,720
DELAWARE VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH, INC	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$555,770
ESPERANZA HEALTH CENTER	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$134,465
GREATER PHILADELPHIA HEALTH ACTION, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$998,180
PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT CORPORATION	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$242,715
QUALITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$249,445
RESOURCES FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, INC.	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$246,343
SPECTRUM HEALTH SERVICES	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$225,643
THE SAYRE HEALTH CENTER	PHILADELPHIA	PA	\$114,584
EAST LIBERTY FAMILY HEALTH CARE CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$200,704
NORTH SIDE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$99,785
PRIMARY CARE HEALTH SERVICES, INC	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$354,893
SQUIRREL HILL HEALTH CENTER	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$122,095

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH	PA	\$115,513
SCRANTON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTER, INC	SCRANTON	PA	\$209,138
PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK	SHARON	PA	\$773,866
BARNES-KASSON HEALTH CENTER FINANCE OFFICER	SUSQUEHANNA	PA	\$191,948
COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES	UNIOTOWN	PA	\$100,000
NORTH PENN COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, INC	WELLSBORO	PA	\$255,530
RURAL HEALTH CORP. OF NORTHEASTERN PA	WILKES-BARRE	PA	\$311,090
FAMILY FIRST HEALTH CORPORATION	YORK	PA	\$300,779

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/hrsa/healthcentergrants.html>

\$8.7 BILLION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Implementation: The Director's Statement is available at http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm. Specific NIH ARRA grant information is now available at the website below. Dates for completion of grant applications are also available at the NIH website.

The NIH announced the availability of Recovery Act funds for Administrative Supplements Providing Summer Research Experiences for Students and Science Educators,

This announcement is one of three ARRA administrative supplement/competitive revision notices issued by NIH. Approximately \$1 billion of ARRA funds will be obligated by September 30, 2010 to support requests submitted in response to these three notices or any reissuance of these notices. More information can be found at the website below.

Institution	Location (City/State)	Project Title	Summary	Amount
Penn State	UNIVERSITY PARK, PA	Neuronal events and molecular pathways in active dendrite degeneration	This grant investigates why dendrites, which are branches of nerve cells, degenerate during seizures, stroke, and other stresses, and may suggest strategies to slow degeneration.	\$ 214,139

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Fox Chase Cancer Center	Philadelphia, PA	Symptom Cluster Assessment and Intervention Trial	This study will examine a symptom cluster as it changes in the context of cancer therapy and tailored symptom management.	\$ 217,916
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	CereTom CT for Use With a microPET Scanner for Preclinical PET/CT Imaging	This system will help facilitate translational research and therapy development, from mouse models to larger animals and ultimately to humans, for wide variety of pathologies.	\$ 463,521
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburg, PA	Lanthanide Containing ZnS Nanoparticles	This R21 grant will develop a family of nanoparticles that operate as fluorescent reporters in "in vivo" and "in vitro" bioanalytical applications, including biological imaging.	\$ 215,920
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	Development of a Tissue-Specific fMRI Technique	This R21 grant will develop a non-invasive imaging technique of brain activity that is faster and more accurate than currently available techniques.	\$ 207,969
Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	CBPR on Active Living and Recovery for Racial/Ethnic Groups with Mental Illness	The study will test the effectiveness of community-based enhancements to quality of life and leisure activities in recovery from mental illness.	\$ 187,500
University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	A clinical animal MR imager designed for translational research: the 7T Clinscan	This instrument is a key translational instrument and enables "bench to bedside and back again."	\$ 2,000,000
University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia/PA	Console and gradient amplifiers for a 9.4 T vertical bore MRI/MRS system	The instrumentation will aide in the development of an understanding of disease diagnosis, progression and response to therapy.	\$ 498,200
Temple University	Philadelphia, PA	Small Animal Module for Translational MR Neuorimaging at 3 Telsa	The MRI allows high power scanning of small animal models of neurological disorders. It will allow testing and validation of non-invasive diagnostic strategies used in clinics.	\$ 134,550
Northwestern University	University Park, PA	New Methods for Estimating Effects of Parenting on Child Eating and Overweight	This study will enable obesity researchers to draw more reliable conclusions about the effect of parenting practices on childhood obesity.	\$ 85,484

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University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	Cross-regulation of apoptosis and autophagy as a molecular basis for reversal of tumor TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand (TRAIL) therapy resistance	Cellular mechanisms within tumor cells interfere with the efficacy of the anticancer drug, TRAIL, which activates a cytoprotective response. Thus, producing cell death. The current application will elucidate the molecular mechanisms that reverse tumor cell resistance to TRAIL therapy.	\$ 311,788
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH, PA	High throughput assay development for Huntington's Disease	PUBLIC HEALTH RELEVANCE: This research project is immediately relevant to human health in that it proposes to develop new screening assays for drug discovery of potential Huntington's disease therapeutics. If successful, these assays could very quickly be consigned to high throughput screens to identify new candidate molecules. -	\$ 155,286
University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA	Point-of-care System Based on Single Polymer Nanowires for Real-Time, AMI Diagnoses	Rapid, accurate diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (AMI) saves lives. Development of a device for sensing multiple AMI-markers could save lives and lower healthcare costs.	\$ 222,100
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH, PA	Vesicular Monoamine Transporter 2 Imaging in Cocaine Abuse	In this application, we propose to evaluate in vivo status of VMAT2 in cocaine dependent subjects and matched healthy controls (HC) with [11C]-(+)-DTBZ in PET experiments	\$ 227,250
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	WEST CHESTER, PA	Cocaine-induced planarian behavior and its modulation by sesquiterpene lactones	Project Narrative Cocaine abuse is a significant public health problem. To date, no compounds exist that can alleviate the toxic or behavioral effects of cocaine. The information that will be obtained from the proposed experiments will provide novel directions in the search for substances that may serve as anti-cocaine agents.	\$ 73,550
Pittsburgh University	Pittsburgh, PA	Personalizing First-Line Treatment for Depression Complicated by Panic Features	This project will test the feasibility and effectiveness of a depression intervention for patients with comorbid anxiety	\$ 443,919

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			who may not improve with traditional treatments.	
University of Pennsylvania	PHILADELPHIA, PA	Novel Pathways of HAART-mediated Neuronal Toxicity in the Central Nervous System	This project examines how Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy for HIV-positive patients may be a source of cognitive impairment due to the toxicity of the medications.	\$ 526,062
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PHILADELPHIA, PA	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Autoimmune encephalomyelitis and c-Rel	This study will help elucidate the pathogenic mechanisms of multiple sclerosis and aid in developing strategies to treat or prevent the disease.	\$ 393,750
Pittsburgh, PA	Carnegie Mellon University	Clinical Translation of 19F MRI to Visualize Cancer Immunotherapeutic Cells	Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging technology will be used to visualize the trafficking of cellular immunotherapy against colorectal cancer.	\$ 492,081
PHILADELPHIA, PA	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Confocal Microscope Core for Translational Research	This instrument will enable investigators to more precisely define the molecular interactions in many disease processes with overriding goals to identify mechanisms of disease and then develop novel therapies for a diverse collection of diseases.	\$ 350,032
PITTSBURGH, PA	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	Molecular Mechanisms of Pulmonary Hypertension in COPD	PROJECT NARRATIVE Project Title: Molecular Mechanisms of Pulmonary Hypertension in COPD Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a life-threatening disease which can occur alone or in association with other lung diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Even with the best treatments, only about half of patients survive five years after diagnosis. This project will analyze the way genes are expressed in their lungs, to determine how this disease develops and to identify	\$ 75,750

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			ways of curing it.	
PHILADELPHIA, PA	TEMPLE UNIVERSITY	The Unfolded Protein Response in Human Airway and Alveolar Epithelial Cells	NARRATIVE: Cigarette smoking is a risk factor for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), a disease characterized by inflammation, and lung cell death. However, the pathogenesis of this disease remains incompletely understood and current therapies are inadequate. Our recent work shows that a novel biochemical pathway induced in the lung by cigarette smoking can be protective. This response and its biological consequences will be studied in cell type known to be involved with COPD. The results obtained are expected to improve our understanding of cigarette smoke-related lung disease and contribute to the development of new and better treatments.	\$ 75,000
PHILADELPHIA, PA	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Insomnia and Sleep Disordered Breathing in Seniors: A Longitudinal Outcome Study	PUBLIC HEALTH RELEVANCE: Insomnia and sleep apnea (abnormal breathing patterns during sleep) are common in older adults and may each lead to increased risk of disease or death. Insomnia and sleep apnea may exist together in older adults in about 30% of cases and this combined state may be lead to significant adverse consequences; however, few studies have examined the long-term outcomes of this combined state. This research study will specifically explore these long-term outcomes to help establish the framework for future studies that identify effective methods to minimize these risks. -	\$ 193,725

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PHILADELPHIA, PA	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Molecular basis of defective CD8 T cells during chronic viral infection	This study aims to understand why certain immune cells become defective during chronic viral infection; may inform new strategies to enhance functionality of immune system.	\$ 196,875
Pittsburgh, PA	Blue Belt Technologies, Inc.	Minimally Invasive Navigated Brain Hematoma Evacuation with Ultrasound Monitoring	A brain probe that may permit intracranial hematomas (large blood clots in the brain) to be surgically evacuated in a minimally invasive manner in the Intensive Care Unit under a local anesthetic is being developed.	\$ 161,345
Philadelphia, PA	Drexel University	Design and development of a dielectrophoretic device for cell mechanics	Many diseases, including atherosclerosis and osteoarthritis, are related to altered cell mechanics. This project will create a unique device to test cell mechanics for a variety of conditions.	\$ 70,638
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY -UNIV PARK	Friends Helping Friends: Socially Responsible ATOD Prevention	PUBLIC HEALTH RELEVANCE STATEMENT This project takes an innovative approach to public health by using positive peer pressure (Friends Helping Friends) as a mechanism to aid youth avoidance of ATOD. It makes social responsibility for health an explicit norm of friendship and develops youths' skills for intervening with friends in a range of social contexts where ATOD use may	

Location (City/State)	Awardee	Institution	Project Title	Summary	Amount	Anticipated Issue Date
Pittsburgh, PA	Schwarz, Russell	Carnegie Mellon University	HETEROGENEOUS CANCER PROGRESSION FROM MICROARRAY DATA	Development of computer models to uncover distinct stages of breast cancer that would aid in identification of new patient	\$ 298,436	5/14/09

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				sub-populations, drug targets, and diagnostic tests.		
Philadelphia, PA	Buchberg, Arthur	Thomas Jefferson University	Sensitized screen to identify cooperating genes involved in pancreatic cancer	Development of screening methods to detect novel oncogenes and tumor-suppressor genes associated with pancreatic cancer to identify new biomarkers and molecular pathways as therapeutic targets.	\$ 203,940	5/14/09
Philadelphia, PA	Ofner, Clyde	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	A Biodegradable Doxorubicin conjugate for Enhanced Tumor Uptake and Efficacy	The goal of this investigation is to develop a novel biodegradable delivery system to selectively localize drug to tumors and to reduce side effects.	\$ 223,780	5/14/09
HERSHEY, PA	SHELL, TODD D	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIV HERSHEY MED CTR	Neuroendocrine Modulation of T Cell Immunity to Cancer	This study will explore the impact of psychological stress on immune-mediated defense against cancer; results may inform new treatment strategies for the disease.	\$ 232,526	5/14/09
PHILADELPHIA, PA	GREENBERG, ROBERT M	UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA	Transformation of C. elegans with a novel schistosome calcium channel subunit	Project aims to increase understanding of how a	\$ 196,861	5/14/09

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				schistosomiasis drug works, so that other drugs could be developed that affect the same molecular target.		
PITTSBURGH, PA	KHAN, SALEEM A	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	Role of RepX Protein in Replication/Partitioning of Anthrax Toxin Plasmid pXO1	This project will study the role of the RepX protein in the production of toxins by the anthrax bacterium; could yield new targets for prevention and treatment.	\$ 189,375	5/14/09
Pittsburgh, PA	Badylak, Stephen F.	University of Pittsburgh	Mechanobiology and Regenerative Medicine	This work will lead to the creation of functional tissue-engineered hollow organs, such as the esophagus, intestine, urinary bladder and arterial vasculature.	\$ 361,332	5/15/09
PHILADELPHIA, PA	HARVISON, PETER J	UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES PHILADELPHIA	Thiazolidinedione-induced Hepatotoxicity	Understanding the connection between therapeutic agent thiazolidinedione (TZD) and liver damage in some patients may lead to better and safer drugs containing TZD	\$ 211,159	5/11/09
PITTSBURGH, PA	SIBILLE, ETIENNE L	UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT PITTSBURGH	Modeling Core Behavioral, Neuroendocrine and Molecular Features	This project develops an integrated animal model	\$ 227,250	5/14/09

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			of Depression	of depression, mirroring human features of the disorder. The model will help identify molecular targets for treatment.		
UNIVERSITY PARK, PA	Sunderam, Sridhar	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY- UNIV PARK	Towards a Behavioral Index of Seizure Susceptibility	This project aims to develop methods for a behavioral index of seizure susceptibility to improve seizure prediction and control in the treatment of epilepsy.	\$ 74,000	4/29/09

Website: <http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/>
http://grants.nih.gov/recovery/ic_supp.html
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-09-060.html>

\$1.3 BILLION TO REMOVATE AND EQUIP UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FACILITIES

Implementation: Funding will be used for the construction and renovation of extramural research facilities and for the acquisition of research equipment.

Recovery Act Limited Competition: Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06)

Opening Date: April 6, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).

Application Due Date(s): May 6, 2009 (projects between \$2M and \$5M); June 17, 2009 (projects between \$10M and \$15M), July 17, 2009 (projects between \$5M and \$10M)

Peer Review Date(s): June 2009 and October 2009

Council Review Date(s): October 2009 and January 2010

Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): December 2009 and April 2010

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Additional Information To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date: July 18, 2009

**Recovery Act Limited Competition: Core Facility
Renovation, Repair, and Improvement (G20)**

- **Purpose.** This FOA issued by the National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, solicits applications from institutions that propose to renovate, repair, or improve core facilities. For the purpose of this FOA, a core facility is defined as a centralized shared resource that provides access to instruments or technologies or services, as well as expert consultation to investigators supported by the core. The major objective of this FOA is to upgrade core facilities to support the conduct of PHS supported biomedical and/or behavioral research. Support can be requested to alter and renovate (A&R) the core facility as well as to improve the general equipment in the core facility or to purchase general equipment for specialized groups of researchers. Specialized equipment over \$100,000 in cost cannot be requested as part of this FOA. In situations when similar core facilities exist in different departments at an institution, funding can be requested in support of centralizing these core facilities. This FOA is issued under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Pub. L. No. 111-5. It is expected that all awards will be expended expeditiously and that applicants will consider the use of “green” technologies and design approaches. Awards are expected to create and/or maintain American jobs.
- **Mechanism of Support.** This FOA will utilize the G20 grant mechanism.
- **Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards.** The Recovery Act has made \$1.0B available for grants to construct, renovate, or repair existing non-Federal research facilities. Recovery Act funds will be allocated to awards under this FOA and [RFA-RR-09-008](#). In addition, the Recovery Act has made \$300M available for shared instrumentation and other capital research equipment. Those funds will be allocated to equipment requested under this FOA, to equipment requested under the high end instrumentation program [PAR-](#)

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[09-118](#), and to equipment requested under the shared instrument program (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-028.html>).

- **Budget and Project Period.** Budgets for direct costs between \$1M and \$10M may be requested. The budget may include a request for general purpose equipment, for alteration and renovation funds, or both. The total project period for an award made in response to this FOA may not exceed five years.
- **Eligible Institutions/Organizations.** Institutions/organizations listed in [Section III, 1.A.](#) are eligible to apply.
- **Eligible Project Directors/Principal Investigators (PDs/PIs).** Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research are invited to work with their institution/organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for NIH support. The PI must be a highly placed institutional individual who has responsibility for allocation of space for biomedical and behavioral research and research training, e.g. Dean, Provost, Center or Institute Director, etc.
- **Number of PDs/PIs.** Only one PD/PI may be designated on the application.
- **Number of Applications.** An institution is defined as an organization with a separate IPF code. Each institution is expected to submit no more than two applications under this FOA. Each application must be distinct.
- **Resubmissions.** Resubmission applications are not permitted in response to this FOA.
- **Renewals.** Renewal applications are not permitted in response to this FOA.
- **Special Date(s).** This FOA uses non-standard due dates.
- **Application Materials.** See [Section IV.1](#) for application materials.
- **General Information.** For general information on SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission, see these Web sites:
 - SF424 (R&R) Application and Electronic Submission Information: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/424/index.htm>

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- General information on Electronic Submission of Grant Applications: <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/>
- **Hearing Impaired.** Telecommunications for the hearing impaired are available at: TTY: (301) 451-5936

Opening Date: August 17, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).

Application Due Date(s): September 17, 2009

Peer Review Date(s): February 2010

Council Review Date(s): May 2010

Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): July 2010

Additional Information To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date: September 18, 2009

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\$500 MILLION FOR BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS

Implementation:

Projects will follow normal contracting and procurement avenues. On March 5th, \$1 billion was released for use in the following two categories: Core Facility Renovation, Repair and the Improvement and Extramural Research Facilities Program. Information concerning application procedures is available at the NIH website below.

Important dates for Core Facility Renovation, Repair, and Improvement (G20): Release/Posted Date: March 5, 2009

Opening Date: August 17, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).

Application Due Date(s): September 17, 2009

Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): July 2010

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Additional Information: To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date: September 18, 2009

Important dates for Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (C06): Release/Posted Date: March 5, 2009

Opening Date: April 6, 2009 (Earliest date an application may be submitted to Grants.gov)

NOTE: On-time submission requires that applications be successfully submitted to Grants.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. local time (of the applicant institution/organization).

Application Due Date(s): May 6, 2009 (projects between \$2M and \$5M); June 17, 2009 (projects between \$10M and \$15M), July 17, 2009 (projects between \$5M and \$10M)

Peer Review Date(s): June 2009 and October 2009

Council Review Date(s): October 2009 and January 2010

Earliest Anticipated Start Date(s): December 2009 and April 2010

Additional Information To Be Available Date (Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date: July 18, 2009

Website:

www.fedbizopps.gov

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-007.html>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

<http://www.ahrq.gov/>

\$1.1 BILLION FOR FUNDING FOR RESEARCH COMPARING EFFECTIVENESS OF TREATMENTS FUNDED BY MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND SCHIP

Implementation:

Work underway with Department of HHS and NIH to determine how funding will be allocated. Direct inquiries to Karen (see contact).

This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes, effectiveness, risk, and benefits of two or more medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits all medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment.

Of the total, \$300 million is for AHRQ to build on its existing collaborative and transparent Effective Health Care program. This program allows for input from all perspectives into the development of the research and implementation of the findings.

Of the remaining funds, \$400 million each will go to NIH and the Office of the HHS Secretary. The legislation calls on the Institute of Medicine to recommend research priorities for these funds and gather stakeholder

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input. A report is due June 30, 2009. In addition, the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research will be created to offer guidance and coordination on the use of these funds.

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Website: <http://www.ahrq.gov/>
<http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/> (where you can signup for updates)

Administration for Children and Families

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

\$2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR CHILDCARE SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME WORKING PARENTS

Implementation: The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) is the primary Federal program specifically devoted to child care services and quality. It enables low-income parents and parents receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) to work or to participate in the educational or training programs they need in order to work. Funds may also be used to serve children in protective services. In addition, a portion of CCDF funds must be used to enhance child care quality and availability.

The \$2 billion in Recovery Act funds for the Child Care and Development Fund will allow states across the country to support child care services for more families whose children require care while they are working, seeking employment or receiving job training or education. The funds will be used by states to provide vouchers to families for child care or to provide access to care through contracts with child care centers. Recovery Act dollars will support a wide range of child care providers, including child care centers and home-based programs.

A portion of the funds will be used to improve overall quality and enhance infant and toddler care. For example, states may train child care providers, assist providers in meeting health and safety requirements, hire specialists specifically trained to work with infant and toddler providers, provide grants to providers to achieve higher quality and invest in other initiatives.

The new funds supplement the existing \$5 billion child care subsidy program, the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). The Recovery Act funds will be awarded on a formula basis to states, the District of Columbia, five territories and 260 tribal grantees representing approximately 500 Indian tribes.

Pennsylvania is to receive \$4,972,267 for quality expansion, \$2,879,592 for infants and toddlers, and \$52,294,906 for discretionary funding for a total of \$60,146,767.

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<http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html>

\$2.1 BILLION FOR EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME INFANTS AND FOR HEAD START

Implementation: Early Head Start (EHS) is a federally funded community-based program for low-income families with infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Specific ARRA information available at the HHS recovery website listed below.

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Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/index.html>
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ohs/>

\$1 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT, FOOD, HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE PROJECTS (COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANTS)

Implementation: The Recovery Act provides for \$1 billion in additional funds to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program for Federal Fiscal Year 2009. As with regularly appropriated CBSG funds, Recovery Act funds may be used for the reduction of poverty, the revitalization of low-income communities, and the empowerment of low-income families and individuals in rural and urban areas to become fully self-sufficient.

Funding Availability:

\$42 million to be distributed through Pennsylvania Department of Community Economic Development
Support employment, food, housing and healthcare efforts for low income participants up to 200% of the federal poverty level

- Directly to Community Action Agencies
- Job training and placement
- Housing counseling – including budgeting
- First time homebuyer program
- Food pantries
- Meals on wheels

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- Nutrition education

Eligibility: Existing Community Action Agencies

Distribution of Funds:

States will receive Recovery Funds, as a separate allotment, under the same formula used for funds allocated under regular annual appropriations. Fifty States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Federal and State-recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations will receive \$985 million in Recovery Funds. The Recovery Act mandates that States pass through no less than 99 percent of their Recovery Act allocations for grants to “eligible entities” under the CSBG Act, commonly referred to as Community Action agencies.

State Plan Amendments:

States and Tribes will be required to submit to the Office of Community Service (OCS) an amendment to the FFY 2009 CSBG Application and Plan regarding the use of the Recovery Funds. They will be expected to make the amended plan available for public inspection and comment and begin distributing Recovery Funds as soon as they become available.

- [CSBG State Information Memorandum](#)
- [CSBG Tribal Information Memorandum](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about CSBG application procedures, distribution and use of funds, income eligibility, Reporting/Monitoring, Obligations/Expenditures, and related Tribal FAQs

State Use of Funds: Unlike the regularly-funded CSBG program, the authority as outlined in the Recovery Act does not allow for State administrative expenditures and statewide discretionary activities as stated in Section 675C(b) of the CSBG Act. The authorization does, however, allow for States to reserve one (1) percent of -the-funds for benefits enrollment coordination activities relating to the identification and enrollment of eligible individuals and families in Federal, State, and local benefit programs.

Income Eligibility Requirement: The official poverty line as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services is used as a criterion of eligibility in the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. Under provisions of the Recovery Act, during fiscal years 2009 and 2010, States may use 200% (increased from 125%) of the federal poverty level, as opposed to 100%, as the criterion of eligibility for CSBG programs and services if they determine that that higher eligibility level serves the purposes of the CSBG program.

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**\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH THE
COMPASSION CAPITAL FUND**

Implementation: The Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will be
overseeing the development of these organizations.

Funding Opportunity Number: HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-EJ-0009

CFDA Number: 93.009

Due Date for Applications: 06/22/2009

Executive Summary:

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

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Description

A. Background

Faith-based and community organizations have a long history of providing an array of important services to people in need in the United States. These organizations are well positioned to assist individuals and families with the most pressing social service needs.

In recognition of this history and ability, the Federal Government believes it should be a resource for nonprofits and community organizations, both secular and faith based, looking for ways to make a bigger impact in their communities. CCF is a key part of the effort to enhance and expand the participation of faith-based and community groups serving those in need.

Intermediary organizations awarded funds under this announcement will serve as partners to both the Federal Government and to the faith-based and community organizations that they assist. The intermediaries will represent a diverse set of affiliations and will assist community-level organizations that have a range of service goals, target populations, affiliations, and beliefs.

The CCF Demonstration program focuses on building the capacity of faith-based and community organizations and programs working in the following social service priority areas: low-income individuals seeking to gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits; low-income individuals seeking to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, and obtain better-quality jobs; low-income individuals and families in need of financial education, credit counseling, and access to individual development accounts and other asset building strategies; the homeless; elders in need; at-risk youth, including Native American youth; and families in transition from welfare to work.

For example, nonprofits receiving a sub-award from a CCF Demonstration grantee could use the funds to purchase computers or set up a computer lab to provide free, online information on State and Federal benefits for low- and moderate-income individuals. Funds could also be used for

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developing a resource directory to help increase access to the benefits (e.g., benefits available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009) for which individuals and families are eligible. An organization receiving a sub-award under this announcement could use the funding to establish a one-stop center where individuals can obtain free, customized benefits information, tax information, information on ARRA, and/or apply for benefits and file tax returns. Organizations receiving a sub-award under this announcement could also use the funding to build their capacity to provide such services as financial education, money management, credit repair and debt counseling, tax preparation assistance, assistance accessing Earned Income Tax Credit and other refundable credits, individual development accounts, and other asset-building services for low-income families and communities. These examples are meant to be illustrative, not exhaustive.

B. Definitions

Capacity Building: Capacity building is the process of implementing activities critical to the long-term viability of organizations by increasing the effectiveness of programmatic activities and organizational operations. Capacity building activities are designed to increase an organization's sustainability, enhance its ability to provide social services, and create collaborations to better serve those most in need.

Critical Areas of Capacity Building: For purposes of this program announcement, there are four critical areas of capacity building: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, and 4) community engagement. *Specific examples of activities in each of the four areas of capacity are provided in Section I.D. Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance.*

Distressed Community: For purposes of this program announcement, a distressed community is a neighborhood or other well-defined geographic community with an unemployment rate and/or poverty rate ***greater than*** the State or national rate.

Experienced Organizations: Under this announcement, applicant organizations should have experience in providing capacity building training, technical assistance and/or financial assistance to smaller faith-based and community organizations in a well-defined geographic community. ACF encourages applications from organizations that propose to work with and have experience working with faith-based and community organizations that historically have not been supported by Federal funds.

Intermediary Organizations: For the purposes of this program announcement, intermediary organizations are those that serve as a bridge between the Federal Government and grassroots organizations providing them training, technical assistance and Federal sub-grants, or sub-awards, for capacity building purposes. Intermediary organizations serve as partners with the Federal government to help faith-based and community organizations better address the needs of those in need.

Secular Social Service Programs: Secular social service programs are programs that conform to Federal regulations at 45 CFR Part 87. Generally, this means that such programs: 1) offer a social service to the community, 2) contain no inherently religious content, 3) are separate in

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time or place from religious activities, and 4) do not require the beneficiaries of the program to attend any inherently religious activity sponsored by the organization, even if such activity is separate in time or place from the secular social service program. Nonprofit organizations that participate as sub-award recipients and/or technical assistance recipients must have at least one substantial secular social service program that will benefit as a result of the intermediary assistance.

Social Service Priority Area: The programmatic focus of faith-based and community organizations receiving training, technical assistance, and/or financial sub-awards under this announcement. The CCF Demonstration program focuses on building the capacity of faith-based and community organizations and programs working in the following social service priority areas: low-income individuals seeking to gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits; low-income individuals seeking to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, and obtain better-quality jobs; low-income individuals and families in need of financial education, credit counseling, and access to individual development accounts and other asset building strategies; the homeless; elders in need; at-risk youth, including Native American youth; and families in transition from welfare to work.

Training and Technical Assistance: For purposes of this program announcement, *technical assistance* refers to consultation that is specifically customized or tailored to the needs of the particular faith-based or community organization. A minimum of 50 percent of an applicant organization's training and technical assistance strategy must be in the form of direct and individualized technical assistance to address the identified priority needs of the faith-based and community organization (e.g., "one-on-one" assistance to the organization's leadership, key staff and/or board).

For purposes of this program announcement, *training* refers to group-based adult education and skill-building activities (e.g., workshops).

Training and technical assistance activities must produce measurable results for the organizations served. Training and technical assistance activities funded under CCF are to be offered at no cost to interested faith-based and community organizations.

Training, Technical Assistance and Sub-Award Work Plan: Within 45 days of receipt of an award under this program announcement, intermediary grantee organizations will be required to develop, with guidance from and in consultation with ACF, a detailed work plan to issue sub-awards. ACF will work with grantees to develop a concrete training, technical assistance, and sub-award work plan from their proposed project. ACF must review and approve this plan prior to the issuance of such sub-awards, plans, and/or procedures for the issuance of sub-awards using Federal funds awarded under this program announcement.

Well-Defined Geographic Location: For purposes of this announcement, the well-defined geographic location is the service area of an intermediary organization's project. An applicant must describe this service area as part of its application. In all but rare cases, intermediary organizations will be physically located in the geographic area they propose to serve. In addition, for an intermediary organization to provide effective training and technical assistance

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in capacity building, it should demonstrate a cultural sensitivity that establishes credibility with its target audience of grassroots organizations in the geographic area it proposes.

C. Program Purpose and Objectives

The goal of the CCF Demonstration program is to help grassroots faith-based and community organizations maximize their social impact as they provide services to those most in need including low-income individuals seeking to gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits; low-income individuals seeking to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, and obtain better-quality jobs; low-income individuals and families in need of financial education, credit counseling, and access to individual development accounts and other asset building strategies; the homeless; elders in need; at-risk youth, including Native American youth; and families in transition from welfare to work.

The CCF Demonstration program provides funding for intermediary organizations in well-defined geographic communities with a proven track record of community involvement and experience in providing training and technical assistance to smaller faith-based and community organizations in those well-defined geographic communities. These intermediary organizations serve as a bridge between the Federal Government and the grassroots faith-based and community organizations that the CCF Demonstration program is designed to assist.

The CCF Demonstration program does not fund direct social service provision. Rather, the CCF Demonstration program funds capacity building activities that produce measurable effects that result in more sustainable organizations. By addressing issues that are critical to the long-term viability of nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations are better prepared and positioned to understand and meet the needs of their communities.

Organizations and their faith-based and community partners shall not use direct Federal grants or contracts under the CCF Demonstration program to support inherently religious activities, such as religious instruction, worship, or proselytization. Therefore, an organization must take steps to separate, in time or place, their inherently religious activities from the CCF-funded services. Some of the ways organizations may accomplish this include, but are not limited to, promoting only the Federally-funded program in materials or websites created with any portion of the Federal funds. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary.

A faith-based organization receiving HHS funds retains its independence from Federal, State, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs. For example, a faith-based organization may use space in its facilities to provide secular programs or services funded with Federal funds without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a faith-based organization that receives Federal funds retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization's name, select its board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its organization's mission statements and other governing documents in accordance with all CCF Demonstration program requirements, statutes, and other applicable requirements governing the conduct of HHS-funded activities. Regulations

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pertaining to the Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations, which includes the prohibition against Federal funding of inherently religious activities, can be found at either 45 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 87.1 or the HHS website at <http://www.os.hhs.gov/fbc/waisgate21.pdf>.

CCF grants are intended to expand the capacity of community and faith-based organizations to deliver social services in a secular manner through, among other things, an enhanced ability to compete for Federal grants in the future. These grants cannot be used to provide direct client services.

As a program of ACF, CCF is intended to support organizations that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities. As such, CCF funds can pay for capacity building activities that result in improved social service programs and activities. For example, CCF funds may pay for trainings such as board development workshops. Additionally, CCF funds may purchase equipment or supplies such as computers or computer software that can improve program services. CCF funds may not pay for capacity building activities that support medical and/or health care related activities or items such as medical equipment or supplies or medically-oriented trainings, certifications, or licensures.

ACF encourages applications from organizations that propose to work with and have experience working with faith-based and community organizations that historically have not been supported by Federal funds. Intermediaries must be established organizations with well-developed connections and working relationships with the nonprofit community in the well-defined geographic area they propose to serve. In all but rare cases, intermediaries will be physically located in the geographic area they propose to serve. In addition, for an intermediary organization to provide effective training and technical assistance in capacity building, it should demonstrate a cultural sensitivity that establishes credibility with its target audience of faith-based and community organizations in the geographic area they select.

OCS will give preference to organizations that demonstrate that the Federal amount requested is reasonable and manageable as evidenced by the organization's last two fiscal years' operating budgets.

Successful applicants must be willing to work closely with ACF, and any entities funded by ACF, to coordinate, assist, or evaluate the activities of the intermediary organizations providing technical assistance and issuing sub-awards.

D. Training, Technical, and Financial Support Services

Intermediary organizations will provide two services within their communities:

1. Capacity building training and technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations; and
2. Financial support, through sub-awards, to some subset of the organizations receiving training and technical assistance.

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Capacity Building Training and Technical Assistance

ACF seeks intermediary organizations with demonstrated ability to provide training and technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations in four critical areas of capacity building: 1) leadership development, 2) organizational development, 3) program development, and 4) community engagement. Applicants must demonstrate the ability to provide training and technical assistance in all four areas of capacity building. The process the applicant will employ to conduct outreach, identify, and select organizations to receive training and technical assistance must be open to both faith-based and community organizations. The applicant may accomplish this through either a single organization or through partnerships among several organizations. If organizations propose to collaborate to provide CCF intermediary services, they must have a well-developed working relationship and a history of working together prior to the announcement of this funding opportunity. CCF monies are not intended to be passed through to existing grantees, which already receive these funds. Consequently, the funds are not intended to be used by CCF intermediaries to contract services or technical assistance with other CCF intermediaries. All potential contractors must be approved by ACF, once identified in the application, as required in Section V.1., application criteria, "organizational profiles" subsection (c).

In addition, intermediaries are not to use CCF monies to provide contracts to organizations that provide the intermediary with a cost share match. If such a relationship is proposed, the applicant must demonstrate that there is an arms-length nature to the two separate agreements or that they are not otherwise dependent upon each other.

Applicants must submit a coherent plan for providing training and technical assistance in all four of the critical areas of capacity building. Training and technical assistance activities must produce measurable results for the organizations served. Examples of the kinds of allowable activities that relate to each element are listed below. This list is intended to be illustrative, not exhaustive. This plan will be detailed in the training, technical assistance and sub-award work plan due 45 days after receipt of an award under this announcement.

Please note that direct fundraising, such as costs associated with special events, direct mail campaigns, or solicitation of donors, is in violation of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) cost principles applicable to most grantees including nonprofit organizations.

Critical Areas with Examples of Allowable Activities

1. Leadership Development
 - Board Composition and Function
 - Staff Professional and Career Development
 - Training and Development of Volunteers
 - Succession Planning
2. Organizational Development
 - Board Governance
 - Systems: Management, Human Resources, Financial, Information Technology, Planning
 - Written Policies and Procedures

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- Fiscal Controls
- Comprehensive Communications Strategy
- Nonprofit Incorporation
- Grant Writing Training
- 3. Program Development
 - Curriculum Development
 - Program Monitoring
 - Evaluation of Program Outcomes
- 4. Community Engagement
 - Community Asset Mapping
 - Community Needs Assessment
 - Community Outreach

Intermediaries must demonstrate their ability to correctly assess the greatest capacity building needs of the organizations they propose to serve. Applicants must describe the process they will use to assist faith-based and community organizations with the identification of organizational needs. Applicants must include a detailed description of pre- and post-assessment methods to be used to determine the measurable impact of training, technical assistance, and sub-award activities provided.

It is expected that intermediaries will deliver both training and technical assistance. Training conferences and workshops may be part of an applicant's plan, but they must not be its sole focus. Training and technical assistance activities funded under CCF are to be offered at no cost to interested faith-based and community organizations.

Technical assistance must be provided on a long-term, ongoing basis, rather than through single or short-term contacts, such as a regional or nationwide series of seminars or conferences. The training and technical assistance strategy must address a minimum of two of the identified critical area needs for each faith-based and community organization served; although, it is expected that in the aggregate, faith-based and community organizations served will represent the full range of all four critical areas. A minimum of 50 percent of training and technical assistance provided by an intermediary must be in the form of direct and individualized technical assistance to address the identified priority needs of the faith-based and community organization (*i.e.*, "one-on-one" assistance to the organization's leadership, key staff and/or board).

Financial Support Through Sub-Awards

CCF intermediaries will be required to issue sub-awards through a competitive process in an amount representing at least 40 percent of the total Federal funds requested.

ACF will work closely with organizations that receive funding to ensure that CCF monies are used appropriately and in the most effective manner possible. Within 45 days of receipt of an award under this announcement, intermediary grantee organizations will be required to develop, with guidance from and in consultation with ACF, a detailed work plan to issue sub-awards.

ACF will work with grantees to develop their sub-award strategy into a concrete training, technical assistance, and sub-award work plan. ACF must review and approve this plan prior to the issuance of any such sub-awards, plans, and/or procedures for the issuance of sub-awards

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using Federal funds awarded under this announcement. Any plans and procedures for issuance of a sub-award must follow the language as outlined in the sub-award strategy section below. Intermediary organizations must report on the use of funds for sub-awards. Intermediary organizations will also be required to develop, with guidance from and in consultation with ACF, an evaluation plan within six months of receipt of an award for working with sub-awardees to develop outcome measures and to evaluate the activities supported by the sub-awards.

Sub-Award Strategy Requirements

Applications should describe a sub-award program that incorporates the following criteria (see Section V.1.):

- At least 40 percent of the total Federal funds requested will be issued as sub-awards.
- The sub-award application process will be completely open without any recipients being pre-selected or otherwise given a competitive advantage or discriminated against, including discrimination on the basis of the organization's religious character or affiliation.
- All proposed outreach activities for sub-award applications will include approaches that will reach both faith-based and community organizations.
- The applicant will ensure that all faith-based and community organizations with which it works will have full information to ensure their knowledge and awareness that CCF funds may not be used to build organizations' capacity to provide programs or services that include inherently religious activities and that if a sub-award or technical assistance recipient provides programs or services that include inherently religious activities then such activities must be separate in time or place from the programs or services that the organization is seeking to improve through CCF. Intermediaries will inform sub-awardees that their activities are governed by all applicable Federal laws and regulations including those in 45 CFR 87.1, which states that direct Federal grants, sub-award funds, or contracts under the Department of Health and Human Services shall not be used to support inherently religious activities such as religious instruction, worship, or proselytization.
- Intermediary organizations will provide ongoing technical assistance and capacity building support to the organizations to which they issue sub-awards.
- Priority for sub-awards will be given to organizations that historically have not received funds from the Federal Government.
- Priority for sub-awards will be given to organizations whose annual budgets do not exceed \$500,000.
- Intermediary organizations will provide sub-awards directly to nonprofit faith-based and community organizations rather than making cluster grants, i.e., single awards intended

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to be re-awarded to a group of nonprofit organizations. Each sub-award from the intermediary will be intended to benefit the individual sub-awardee.

- Priority for sub-awards will be given to organizations implementing program(s) in the several specified social service priority areas: low-income individuals seeking to gain greater access to State and Federal benefits and tax credits; low-income individuals seeking to secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, and obtain better-quality jobs; low-income individuals and families in need of financial education, credit counseling, and access to individual development accounts and other asset building strategies; the homeless; elders in need; at-risk youth, including Native American youth; and families in transition from welfare to work.
- There will be no requirement for sub-award applicants to provide matching funds or given a preference in the selection process if they offer matching funds in their applications.
- There will be no requirement that sub-award applicants have 501(c)(3) status or identify a sponsoring organization with 501(c)(3) status.
- Organizations that partner with an intermediary to deliver technical assistance, or provide part or all of the cost-share (funds or in-kind) for the proposed project, are not be eligible for sub-awards.
- The approach will ensure that sub-awards will be made in amounts manageable for a small organization.
- Intermediaries will not provide recipients of a CCF sub-award a second sub-award for the duration of the grant; however, such organizations may participate, at no cost, in the training and technical assistance provided by the intermediary.
- The proposed sub-award approach will ensure that funds are used for capacity building activities that further the sustainability of sub-awardees' social service efforts and are matched to the developmental needs and levels of the organizations (*e.g.*, funds may be provided to fledgling organizations to improve their basic functions, such as attaining 501(c)(3) status or developing sound financial systems).
- Sub-awards will not be used to provide direct services, direct fundraising activities, nor construction activities, but rather to improve the sub-awardees' efficiency and capacity.

II. AWARD INFORMATION

Funding Instrument Type:

Grant

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Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$17,250,000
Expected Number of Awards:	35
Ceiling on Amount of Individual Awards:	\$500,000 per project period
Floor on Amount of Individual Awards:	None
Average Projected Award Amount:	\$490,000 per project period
Length of Project Periods:	12-month project and budget period

Awards under this announcement are subject to the availability of funds.

Additional Information on Awards:

Under this announcement, there is one project and budget period of 12 months. No continuation awards will be offered.

Please see *Section IV.5* for any restrictions on the use of funds for awards made under this announcement.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

1. Eligible Applicants

A. Eligible Applicants:

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education
- Indian/Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized and other than Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits with 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)
- Nonprofits without 501(c)(3) IRS status (other than institutions of higher education)
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations (other than small businesses)
- Small businesses
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts

As a demonstration program, CCF aims to fund a broad range of organizations and program models. Because of this, current CCF grantees [Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 CCF Demonstration

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program grantees and FY 2007 Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) grantees] are not eligible to apply for a 2009 CCF Demonstration program award.

Please see *Section IV* for required documentation supporting eligibility or funding restrictions if any are applicable.

Foreign entities are not eligible under this announcement.

Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply under this announcement.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching: Yes

Grantees must provide at least 20 percent of the total approved cost of the project. The total approved cost of the project is the sum of the ACF (Federal) share and the non-Federal share. The non-Federal share may be met by cash or in-kind contributions, although applicants are encouraged to meet their match requirements through cash contributions. For example, in order to meet the match requirements, a project requesting \$500,000, in ACF (Federal) funds must provide a non-Federal share of the approved total project cost of at least \$125,000, which is 20 percent of total approved project cost of \$625,000. Grantees will be held accountable for commitments of non-Federal resources even if they exceed the amount of the required match. Failure to provide the required amount will result in the disallowance of Federal funds. A lack of supporting documentation at the time of application will not exclude the application from competitive review.

The following chart demonstrates several examples of minimum cost shares:

Federal Request	20 Percent Cost Share	Total Approved Project Cost
\$500,000	\$125,000	\$625,000
\$450,000	\$112,500	\$562,500
\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
\$350,000	\$87,500	\$437,500
\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000
\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
\$100,000	\$25,000	\$125,000

3. Other:

Organizations that partner with an intermediary to deliver technical assistance, or provide part or all of the cost share (funds or in-kind) for the proposed project, are not eligible for financial sub-awards.

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Disqualification Factors

Applications with requests that exceed the ceiling on the amount of individual awards referenced in *Section II*. Award Information will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

Any application that fails to satisfy the deadline requirements referenced in *Section IV.3*, Submission Dates and Times, will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

Applications received from FY 2007 CCF Communities Empowering Youth (CEY) program grantees will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

Applications received from FY 2007 CCF Demonstration program grantees will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for funding under this announcement.

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<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SN-0092.html>
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If he has more specific questions about the programs, he should contact:

Administration on Aging

<http://www.aoa.gov/>

\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR ELDERLY NUTRITION SERVICES INCLUDING \$65 MILLION FOR CONGREGATE NUTRITION SERVICES AND \$32 MILLION FOR HOME-DELIVERED NUTRITION SERVICES (MEALS ON WHEELS)

Implementation: States will award the funds to organizations that provide nutrition services in their communities. Funds available for Pennsylvania: congregate nutrition is \$3 million while funds for home delivery services are \$1.48 million.

National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

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\$2 BILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Implementation: The program is still in development. As additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the websites below.
Provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) state that the HHS Secretary, acting through the National Coordinator, will establish a grants program for States to facilitate and expand the use of electronic health information using nationally recognized standards. Eligible organizations are States or qualified State-designated entities. Details are not yet available.

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Website: <http://healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt>
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\$17 BILLION TO IMPROVE INVESTMENTS AND INCENTIVES THROUGH MEDICARE AND MEDICAID TO ENSURE WIDESPREAD ADOPTION AND USE OF INTEROPERABLE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (HIT)

Implementation: Hospitals and physician offices will automatically receive benefit through CMS reimbursements. Grants will be available through HHS for other medical agencies. Details are not yet available.

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<http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/>

\$950 MILLION FOR FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PREVENTATIVE HEALTH CAMPAIGNS, VACCINATION PROGRAMS, HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Implementation: Proposing Projects to HHS, will be posted online when specific projects are determined. They anticipate eGrATIS will be available to grantees for development of their ARRA operations funding supplemental requests around mid-May.

Website: <http://www.hhs.gov/>

<http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vmbip/downloads/newsletters/2009/egratis-newsegratis-news.pdf>

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

<http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm>

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Projects supported by these funds will not only make the country safer and more secure, but they also will create new jobs, and in some cases, save the jobs of men and women who do the work of staying ahead of those who would seek to do us harm.

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On March 31, 2009, the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council published six proposed interim rules in the Federal Register to implement contracting provisions for the \$787 billion in ARRA.

The rules include requirements for federal contracting officers to follow additional guidelines in publicizing contracts and for contractors to file quarterly reports on the work they perform. The rules would also implement the Buy American provisions of ARRA and strengthen whistleblower protections. Public comments on the rules are due by June 1.

The interim rules would:

- Provide guidance for contracting officers in posting presolicitation notices, announcing contract awards, entering awards into the Federal Procurement Data System, and handling nonfixed-price and noncompetitive contracts;
- Implement Section 1512 of ARRA by requiring contractors to report quarterly on the use of the money they receive under the law;
- Implement provisions to protect whistleblowers at the state and local government levels as well as contractor whistle-blowers;
- Allow the Government Accountability Office (GAO) officials to interview current contractor employees during audits of contractors' records; and
- Implement the Buy American provisions for construction materials; and implement ARRA provisions for inspectors general to review spending and to ensure transparency in all contracting actions.

The federal government estimated that it will award about \$80 billion in Recovery Act awards to more than 20,000 prime contractors and 60,000 first-tier subcontractors.

Roughly 20 percent of the prime contractors and about 25 percent of the subcontractors will be small businesses, the *Federal Register* notice said. For more information, please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-7027.htm>.

St. Elizabeths/DHS Headquarters Consolidation:

- \$650 million (\$200 million to DHS; \$450 million to GSA)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

<http://www.fema.gov/>

\$100 MILLION FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (EFSP)

Implementation:

The funding made available to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), through the American Response and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA), presented the National Board with an opportunity to review its historic formula in light of the purpose of the stimulus funding and recent significant changes to the unemployment and economic climate faced by our country today. In their review, the National Board determined that the historic formula, utilizing both unemployment and poverty as indicators of need in terms of qualifying criteria, remains appropriate. As in all previous cycles of funding, the most recent unemployment statistics are used and the qualifying

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percentages are adjusted, as appropriate, to follow the historic formula. However, the National Board discussed the continued increase in unemployment that may not be reflected in the statistics available. To quickly get the funding out to the local boards and service providers, the National Board determined that a single per capita rate would be used for both qualifying jurisdictions and State Set-Aside Committees (SSA). By doing this, the SSA percentage of the award will increase and will give the EFSP, through the SSA Committees, the continued flexibility to address areas most in need, including those with continued growing unemployment.

The formula, which has been used since Phase 3 (1985) of the EFSP, requires jurisdictions to meet a minimum number of unemployed individuals. If the jurisdiction meets the minimum number of individuals unemployed requirement, then they must meet or exceed either of two criteria – unemployment rate or poverty rate. (Note: A jurisdiction is either a county or city. Sometimes a city will qualify all of the county/counties in which it lies. Prior to Phase 3, only unemployment rates were used to qualify a jurisdiction for funding. Additionally, the minimum number of unemployed has been changed from time to time.)

The unemployment rates used are based upon the National Average Unemployment Rate from the most recent 12-month unemployment statistics available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Two different rates are used to recognize the differences between the more urban/suburban jurisdictions and the smaller/more rural jurisdictions. Although the rates vary from phase to phase based upon the National Average, the EFSP formula for the larger jurisdictions has dropped down 1% from the National Average Unemployment Rate and gone up 1% for the smaller jurisdictions. Essentially, this has made it easier for the larger jurisdictions to qualify.

The poverty rate used is based upon the National Average Poverty Rate from the most recent Census statistics available. The EFSP formula drops below the National Average. Census 2000 will again be used for ARRA funding.

Once jurisdictions are qualified for funding, the amount received per unemployed person is based upon the number of unemployed in all qualifying jurisdictions and a per capita amount is determined. The per capita amount is multiplied by the number of unemployed persons and that is the jurisdiction's direct award.

The Program Overview for each Phase includes the formula currently being used. For ARRA funding it is:

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Jurisdictions that qualified for awards were chosen based on the following criteria:

1. most current 12-month national unemployment rates;
2. total number of unemployed within a civil jurisdiction;
3. total number of individuals below the poverty level within a civil jurisdiction; and,
4. the total population of the civil jurisdiction.

More specifically, jurisdictions were selected to receive ARRA funding according to one of the following criteria:

- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 13,000+ unemployed and a 5.0% rate of unemployment.
- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 300 to 12,999 unemployed and a 7.0% rate of unemployment.
- Jurisdictions, including balance of counties, with 300 or more unemployed and an 11.0% rate of poverty.

For those jurisdictions that do not meet the National Board's criteria, the State Set-Aside (SSA) program was established in Phase 5 (1987). The purpose of SSA is to give an award to each state based upon unemployment in the non-qualifying jurisdictions. The SSA Committee is directed to fund areas of greatest need in their state based upon the indicators of need that they choose. SSA Committees are directed to consider jurisdictions:

- that have experienced significant changes in unemployment and need since October 2008;
- that previously qualified for the program, but no longer meet the established formula and demonstrate high levels of need;
- with unusually high levels of unemployment or poverty, but do not meet the minimum unemployed cut-off;
- that have pockets of homelessness or poverty and do not qualify for direct funding; or,
- that are experiencing recent negative economic changes, such as plant closings or major job losses.

As a total, each state receives a minimum of \$75,000 (this includes both direct funded jurisdictions and the amount to the SSA Committee). The EFSP formula covers 100% of the Nation's unemployment between the qualifying jurisdictions and the amount to the SSA Committee based on the unemployment in the non-qualifying jurisdictions.

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**\$210 MILLION FOR COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO UPGRADE STATE AND LOCAL FIRE STATIONS
(ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANTS (AFG))**

Implementation: Grant guidance and applications for the AFG monies made available under the ARRA (Recovery Act) will be announced and posted on the web site as soon as they are made available and the respective application periods open.

Grants will not exceed \$15 million

Who is Eligible: Individual fire companies and municipalities

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program is to award one-year grants directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services (EMS) organizations of a State to enhance their abilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

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ALL NON-FEDERAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFER GRANTS WAIVED FOR FY 2009-2010

Implementation: The purpose of the SAFER grants is to award grants directly to volunteer, combination, and career fire departments to help the departments increase their cadre of firefighters. Ultimately, the goal is for SAFER grantees to enhance their ability to attain 24-hour staffing and thus assuring their communities have adequate protection from fire and fire-related hazards. The SAFER grants have two activities that will help grantees attain this goal: 1) hiring of firefighters and 2) recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- \$150 million for transit and rail security grants
- \$150 million for port security grants, no non-federal match required
- \$5 million expansion in authority for FEMA Community Disaster Loans

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- Requires the establishment of an arbitration panel to resolve Katrina/Rita public assistance disputes
- Requires FEMA to accept additional applications for Katrina/Rita public assistance

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

<http://www.cbp.gov/>

\$720 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AT LAND PORTS OF ENTRY (\$300 MILLION GSA; \$420 MILLION CBP)

\$100 MILLION FOR NON-INTRUSIVE INSPECTION (NII) TECHNOLOGY

\$100 MILLION FOR BORDER TECHNOLOGY ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Implementation:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), signed into law by President Obama February 19, committed more than \$3 billion for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Recently, Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano announced more than \$20 million in (ARRA) funding for Otay Mesa improvements. Highlights from the announcement include: DHS (in coordination with the General Services Administration (GSA) will direct more than \$40 million in ARRA funding to the Southwest border.

This funding includes but is not limited to:

- \$269 million for port and other infrastructure projects in Otay Mesa, Antelope Wells, N.M., Los Ebanos, Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Nogales, Arizona.
- \$42 million for Non-Intrusive Inspection Equipment (NIIE) at Southwest border ports of entry, including both low energy and large-scale systems— big enough to scan tractor-trailers.

Additionally, Secretary Napolitano announced \$50 million in Secure Border Initiative (SBI)net) funding to accelerate deployment of surveillance technology and associated command and control technologies in Arizona, including deployment in Nogales and Sonoita stations, and \$50 million to pay for tactical communications modernization for the El Paso and Rio Grande Valley Sectors. Boeing is the prime contractor for SBI)net.

For more information and to review potential subcontracting opportunities, visit: <http://www.boeing.com/defense-space/sbinet/index.html>.

\$60 MILLION FOR TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND RADIOS

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

<http://www.ice.gov/>

\$20 MILLION FOR ICE AUTOMATION MODERNIZATION AND TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

Transportation Security Administration

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

- \$1 billion for explosives detection systems and checkpoint screening equipment

State	City	Airport	Est. Funds Spent on Equipment per State
Pennsylvania	Erie	ERI	\$3,088,542.08
	Philadelphia	PHL	

U.S. Coast Guard

<http://www.uscg.mil/>

- \$142 million for Alteration of Bridges program
- \$98 million for construction, which may include the following:
 - Shore facilities and aids to navigation facilities
 - Vessel repair/acquisition (includes High Endurance Cutter, National Security Cutter)

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<http://www.hud.gov/recovery>

<http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/findapplybrochure.pdf>

\$528,090,371 for Pennsylvania

The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new website on March 19th for consumers seeking information about the Obama Administration's Making Home Affordable loan modification and refinancing program. MakingHomeAffordable.gov offers features including interactive self-assessment tools that will empower borrowers to determine if they're eligible to participate and calculate the monthly mortgage payment reductions they could stand to realize under the Making Home Affordable program. [Http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/](http://makinghomeaffordable.gov/)

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\$1.5 BILLION FOR SHORT-TERM HELP WITH RENT AND HOUSING RELOCATION FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES / HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PROGRAM (HPRP) (APPROX. \$90 MILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: Short-term or medium-term rental assistance; housing relocation, housing search, mediation or outreach to property owners, credit repair, security or utility deposits, utility payments, rental assistance for a final month at a location, moving cost assistance, and case management; other appropriate activities for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing of persons who have become homeless.

\$1.416 through Continuum of Care competitive grants; \$160 million through Emergency Shelter Grants

Eligible: Local governments and nonprofit organizations

Website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/library/coc/> or
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\$2.25 BILLION FOR TAX CREDIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TCAP) (\$95 FOR PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: Fund is distributed by formula to the 52 state housing credit agencies. Funding is for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects via a formula-based allocation to state housing credit allocation agencies.
The housing credit agencies in each State shall distribute these funds competitively and according to their qualified allocation plan. Projects awarded low income housing tax credits in fiscal years 2007, 2008, or 2009 are eligible for funding, but housing credit agencies must give priority to projects that are expected to be completed by February 2012. Seventy-five percent of TCAP funds must be committed by February 2010, 75 percent must be expended by February 2011, and 100 percent of the funds must be expended by February 2012.

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\$197 MILLION IN PENNSYLVANIA FOR A LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT EXCHANGE

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PROGRAM

Implementation: Applies to senior or special needs occupancy properties for persons at or below 60% of median income, with at least half of the units available to persons at or below 50% of median income. Funds will fit equity gaps in multifamily development awarded federal low income housing tax credits in 2007-2009. Funds will be distributed to project owners who received an allocation of federal low income housing tax credits in 2007-2009. New construction, substantial rehabilitation of existing structures, historic rehabilitation, preservation of existing housing, units that are accessible to people with hearing or vision impairment and mobility issues, green or energy efficient components are eligible for this tax credit. Housing types include townhouses, multiple story, garden style walk-ups and single family detached rental. Priority will be given to those projects that can commence construction by January 1st, 2011.

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\$2.25 BILLION FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY RETROGRADES TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING, INCLUDING NEW INSULATION, WINDOWS AND FURNACES.

Implementation: Applies to Section 202, 811, and 8 housing units. Public housing authorities may apply through a competitive bid process for contracts to rehabilitate or construct new housing units. A local housing agency can attach up to 20% of its voucher assistance to specific housing projects. The owner may also agree to set aside a portion of the units in an existing development

Website: www.hud.gov
www.grants.gov

\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR REMOVING LEAD-BASED PAINT IN LOW-INCOME HOUSING (\$3.5 MILLION FOR PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: These funds for HUD are award grants for those applicants under its fiscal year 2008 Notice of Funding Availability that were qualified for award but were not funded due to limitations of funds originally available. The Healthy Homes Technical Studies, Healthy Homes Demonstration and Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Programs are the grants that can be awarded.

Website: www.hud.gov/recovery/arract2009.cfm
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/grantprograms.cfm>

\$4 BILLION FOR REPAIRS AND MODERNIZATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECTS

Implementation: \$3 billion to states through formula.

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- Montgomery County Housing Authority \$1,141,093.00
- Housing Authority County of Delaware \$2,095,850.00
- Chester Housing Authority \$4,249,663.00

(for more information how these funds are being spent see:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/pa.cfm>)

\$1 billion for competitive grants

For more on competitive grants, see:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir/recoverynofa.pdf>

Application Deadline Date: a. For Improvements Addressing the Needs of the Elderly and/or Persons with Disabilities; Public Housing Transformation; and Gap Financing for Projects that are Stalled Due to Financing Issues, the Department will begin accepting applications for these three categories on June 1, 2009. The Department will continue to accept applications for these three categories until 11:59:59 p.m. of the local time of the applicant August 18, 2009.

For Creation of Energy Efficient, Green Communities, the Department will begin accepting applications for this NOFA category on June 1, 2009. The deadline for applications for this Category is July 21, 2009.

Applications will only be accepted until 11:59:59 p.m. of the local time of the applicant on this date.

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<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/index.cfm>

<http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir/recoverynofa.pdf>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir/recoverynofa.pdf>

\$15 MILLION FOR FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND REHABILITATING LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING GREEN TECHNOLOGY.

Implementation: The Department will begin accepting applications for this NOFA category on June 1, 2009. The deadline for applications for this Category is July 21, 2009. Applications will only be accepted until 11:59:59 p.m. of the local time of the applicant on this date.

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Website: <http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir/recoverynofa.pdf>

\$50 MILLION TO INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED MORTGAGE PROVIDER CONFORMING LOAN LIMITS

Implementation: Increase affects 250 counties across the United States. For these areas, identified in the attached table, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loan limits will return to their late-2008 levels, which were up to \$729,750 for one-unit properties in the continental United States. Loan limits in other areas are not changed by the legislation. Conforming loan limits for 2009 were originally announced in late 2008 and had been calculated under terms set forth in the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (HERA), passed in July. The new ARRA legislation stipulates that, for loans originated in 2009, the loan limit is to be the higher of the 2008 limits and those originally calculated for 2009 under HERA. Where the 2008 and 2009 limits differ, the 2008 limits tend to be higher and thus, in most cases, loan limits are reverting back to last year's levels. For the relatively few counties where 2009 limits actually increased (43 counties in Virginia, North Carolina, and California), the new limits will remain at the higher level. Notable elements of the new legislation:

1. The Director of FHFA is given the authority to increase loan limits levels for "subareas" under provisions in ARRA. Given the implementation difficulties associated with establishing multiple limits for any given county, FHFA's Director currently has no plans to use this discretion.

2. The loan limits established under ARRA apply to all loans originated in 2009. For loans purchased in 2009 that were originated from July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008, the same limits will apply. For loans purchased in 2009, but originated before July 1, 2007, the limits previously announced by FHFA on November 7, 2008 and updated in December will apply. For example, a \$700,000 mortgage originated in 2006 would not be eligible for purchase this year, even if the applicable local limit under ARRA is \$729,750.

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Websites: <http://www.fhfa.gov/Default.aspx?Page=185>
 <http://www.fhfa.gov/>

\$2 BILLION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDING

Implementation: (note that none of the Pennsylvania entitled cities or counties are within the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District)
The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was established for the purpose of stabilizing communities that have suffered from foreclosures and abandonment through making more affordable housing and reducing neighborhood blight. Through the purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed and abandoned homes and residential properties, the goal of the program is being realized. NSP1, a term that references the NSP funds authorized under Division B, Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA) of 2008, provides grants to all states and selected local governments on a formula basis. NSP2, a term that references the NSP funds authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (the Recovery Act) of 2009, provides grants to states, local governments, nonprofits and a consortium of nonprofit entities on a competitive basis. The Recovery Act also authorized HUD to establish NSP-TA, a \$50 million allocation made available to national and local technical assistance providers to support NSP grantees.

NSP1

Under NSP1, HUD allocated \$3.92 billion on a formula basis to 309 grantees including 55 states and territories and 254 selected local governments. The program was designed to stabilize communities across America hardest hit by foreclosures. Grant agreements for these funds have already been signed.

NSP2

Under NSP2, HUD allocated \$1.93 billion on a competitive basis to states, local governments, and non profit organizations. The program objectives and eligible uses did not change under the Recovery Act, but the allocation process and some regulations on the funds have changed. The deadline to apply for NSP2 funding is July 17, 2009. See NSP2 NOFA for details.

NSP-TA

Under NSP-TA, HUD allocated \$50 million on a competitive basis to TA providers supporting HUD's community development program grantees and subrecipients. The NSP-TA program is open to both national and local TA providers. The deadline to apply for NSP-TA funding is June 8, 2009. See NSP-TA NOFA for details.

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Nature of Program

NSP is a component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CDBG regulatory structure is the platform used to implement NSP and the HOME program provides a safe harbor for NSP affordability requirements.

NSP grantees develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, NSP grantees must use at least 25 percent of the funds appropriated for the purchase and redevelopment of abandoned or foreclosed homes or residential properties that will be used to house individuals or families whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income. In addition, all activities funded by NSP must benefit low- and moderate-income persons whose income does not exceed 120 percent of area median income. Activities may not qualify under NSP using the "prevent or eliminate slums and blight" or "address urgent community development needs" objectives.

Eligible Uses

NSP funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- Establish financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed homes and residential properties;
- Purchase and rehabilitate homes and residential properties abandoned or foreclosed;
- Establish land banks for foreclosed homes;
- Demolish blighted structures;
- Redevelop demolished or vacant properties

Requirements

There are a variety of statutory and regulatory limitations that apply to NSP. Allocations awarded under NSP1 and NSP2 are restricted to the same eligible uses listed above, but NSP I awards are distributed on a formula basis while NSP II awards are distributed on a competitive basis. Please see links above for details on NSP I and NSP II.

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\$1 BILLION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (CDBG) FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (\$58.8 million to Pennsylvania)

Implementation: The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. The funding is for ready-to-go regular program activities including infrastructure (water/sewer/ storm water/ roads), community facilities and housing.

Funds will be distributed by formula to entitled states, municipalities, and counties. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) will distribute the \$12.4 million allocation of CDBG funds through state entitlement communities. \$10,569,320 of which is distributed to “state entitlement communities” on a formula basis under state Act 179; \$1,616,903 of which is available on a competitive basis to other communities. \$46.4 million will be awarded by HUD directly to “federal entitlement communities” and will not be administered by DCED. Priority will be given to projects that can award contracts based on bids within 120 days.

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Websites:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/>
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm>
<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm>

\$2.25 BILLION FOR FUNDS FOR BUILDING AND REHABILITATING LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING GREEN TECHNOLOGY. HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Implementation:

Funds will be provided to states and local governments to create and rehabilitate affordable housing. These funds will be administered similarly to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Contacts:

County of Chester (<http://www.chesco.org/>)

Mr. Patrick Bokovitz, Director
Department of Community Development
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Phone: (610) 344-6900, Fax: (610) 344-6925
Email: PBokovitz@chesco.org

County of Delaware (<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/hcd/index.html>)

Ms. Jennifer Wesson, Director
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County of Montgomery (<http://www.montcopa.org>)

Mr. Terence C. McMullen, Assistant Director
Office of Housing and Community Development
P.O. Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404
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Upper Darby Township (<http://www.upperdarby.org>)

Mr. Jeffrey N. Gentile, Director
Office of Community Development
100 Garrett Rd., Room 109, Upper Darby, PA 19082-3135
Phone: (610) 734-7613
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Haverford Township (<http://www.haverfordtownship.com>)

Mr. Larry Gentile, Township Manager
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Website:

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/programs/home/>

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

<http://www.doi.gov/>

Bureau of Reclamation

<http://www.usbr.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECTS

Implementation: These projects are almost exclusively in the western U.S.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html>

\$125 MILLION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE ON FEDERAL LANDS

Implementation: Not yet available

\$15 MILLION FOR WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

Implementation: Not yet available

\$180 MILLION FOR PRIORITY ROAD, BRIDGE AND TRAIL REPAIRS

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Implementation: Not yet available

National Park Service (NPS)

<http://www.nps.gov/>

\$15 MILLION FOR PRESERVATION GRANTS FOR HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Implementation: Funds will be available through competitive grants. Applications are due by June 3, 2009 at 5:00 pm Central Time.

Contact: Linda Hall at 404-507-5779, or Linda_Hall@nps.gov.
Cultural Resources
National Park Service
1849 C Street, NW (2280), Washington, DC 20240-0001
202.354.2276 (telephone)
202.371.2422 (fax)

Website: <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/hpg/hbcu/>
<http://www.nps.gov/history/crdi/colleges/blk.htm>

\$650 MILLION FOR RENOVATION OF FOREST ROADS, BRIDGES AND TRAILS, REMEDIATION OF ABANDONED MINES, REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO FISH AND OTHER CRITICAL HABITAT

Implementation: Not yet available

\$735 MILLION FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE (\$14.516 MILLION FOR 27 PROJECTS IN PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: **Valley Forge**
Complete the Rehabilitation of the Historic Valley Forge Train Station
Rehabilitate Exterior at Two Historic Quarters (multiple projects) Repair and Replace Damaged Plaster and Stucco Surfaces at Multiple Historic Buildings
Valley Forge Total \$2,182,000

Delaware Water Gap

Repaint Building and Replace Inefficient Windows
Replace Roof and Exterior Siding at Headquarters (multiple projects)
Delaware Water Gap Total \$235,000

Fort Necessity

Replace Maintenance Building Oil Heating System with Geothermal System
Fort Necessity Total \$708,000

Frederick Law Olmsted

Complete Retrofit of Historic Barn for Adaptive Reuse
Frederick Law Olmsted Total \$322,000

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Gettysburg

Rehabilitate Historic Daniel Klinge House For Use As Employee
Quarters Replace 5,000 ft. Deteriorated Waterline at McMillan Woods
Scout Camp
Gettysburg Total \$717,000

Hopewell Furnace

Install Interior and Exterior Solar Lighting at Storage Building Prune and
Remove Trees at Upper Village Remove and Replace Roof at Historic
Charcoal House Repair and Regrade Lenape Trail Surface Repair and
Replace Deteriorated Historic Windows at the Ironmasters House Repair
Electrical Wiring at Historic Iron Master's House Repair, Rehabilitate and
Paint Historic Structures (multiple projects)
Hopewell Furnace Total \$827,000

Independence

Install Equipment to Coordinate and Reduce Peak Use Loading at 92
Utility Meters Parkwide Rehabilitate Independence Tower Stabilize and
Repair Historic Cobblestones at Rose Garden
Independence Total \$5,642,000

Johnstown Flood

Reconstruct North and South Abutment Observation Platforms Replace
HVAC System at Historic Unger House and Visitor Center
Johnstown Flood Total \$396,000

Steamtown

Demolish Replace Two Condensing Towers to Protect Museum Artifacts
Rehabilitate Historic Railway Coach Repair and Maintain 4 Historic
Operational Locomotives and Passenger Cars Replace Overhead Cranes
Used to Move Railroad Materials
Steamtown Total \$1,192,000

Steamtown NHS

Stabilize Railroad Equipment and Remove Asbestos
Steamtown NHS Total \$2,150,000

Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River

Repair and Weatherize Five Buildings (multiple projects)
Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River Total \$145,000

Contact:

To inquire about contract work at Valley Forge National Historical Park,
please contact: Jennifer McMenamin, Chief of Maintenance, 610-783-1023

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<http://www.recovery.gov/>

For other projects, interested contractors and vendors should go to www.fbo.gov. There's a link on the home page to ARRA opportunities.

Partner organizations interested in opportunities through grants and agreements should visit www.grants.gov. We anticipate that parks and offices within the Service will begin posting ARRA opportunities to these sites in the coming days.

\$500 MILLION FOR FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION ON FEDERAL AND STATE LANDS

Implementation: Not yet available

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

<http://www.fws.gov/>

\$280 MILLION FOR WILDLIFE REFUGE AND FISH HATCHERY CONSTRUCTION, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENT VISITORS CENTERS

Implementation: Not yet available

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)

<http://www.usgs.gov/>

\$140 MILLION FOR REPAIRING FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SEISMIC, VOLCANO, MONITORING AND STREAM GAGES

Implementation: Not yet available

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

http://www.usdoj.gov/

\$2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT (BRYNE JAG)

Implementation: The JAG Program, administered by Office of Justice Program (OJP)'s Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. JAG grants allocated on a formula based on population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Funding awarded directly to the state governments will be administered by the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), a State

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Administering Agency (SAA); it will set priorities and allocate funds within Pennsylvania. Additional information about SAAs can be found here: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm>.

Units of local government appearing on the FY 2009 Recovery Act Units of Local Government List, established by OJP's Bureau of Justice Statistics, will also be eligible to apply for JAG funds. Municipalities and townships in Pennsylvania's seventh district are summarized below.

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Eligible Individual Allocation
PA	CHESTER COUNTY	County	*
PA	PHOENIXVILLE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$31,556
PA	WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP	Township	\$30,318
PA	WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP	Township	\$21,656
TOTAL CHESTER COUNTY			\$83,530
PA	DELAWARE COUNTY	County	*
PA	BROOKHAVEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$11,962
PA	CLIFTON HEIGHTS BOROUGH	Municipal	\$29,906
PA	COLLINGDALE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$65,380
PA	EAST LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$15,675
PA	FOLCROFT BOROUGH	Municipal	\$29,081
PA	GLENOLDEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$17,325
PA	LANSDOWNE BOROUGH	Municipal	\$32,174
PA	MEDIA BOROUGH	Municipal	\$10,725
PA	PROSPECT PARK BOROUGH	Municipal	\$15,468
PA	SHARON HILL BOROUGH	Municipal	\$19,593
PA	TRAINER BOROUGH	Municipal	\$11,756
PA	ASTON TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,562
PA	DARBY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$10,519
PA	HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP	Township	\$15,468
PA	NETHER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP	Township	\$13,200
PA	RADNOR TOWNSHIP	Township	\$21,450
PA	RIDLEY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$42,280
PA	SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP	Township	\$16,912
PA	TINICUM TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,356
PA	UPPER CHICHESTER TOWNSHIP	Township	\$42,280
PA	UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP	Township	\$188,509
TOTAL DELAWARE COUNTY			\$646,581

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PA	MONTGOMERY COUNTY	County	*
PA	CONSHOHOCKEN BOROUGH	Municipal	\$13,612
PA	UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP	Township	\$18,562
PA	WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP	Township	\$23,512
TOTAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY			\$55,686

Total PA 07	\$785,797
State of Pennsylvania	\$45,453,997
Grand Total for State of Pennsylvania	\$72,372,843

* Counties that have an asterisk (*) under the “Eligible Individual Allocation” column are ineligible for a direct FY 09 Recovery Act- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from BJA. For JAG purposes, these counties remain a partner with the jurisdictions receiving funds and must be a signatory on the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A sample MOU is provided online at: <http://www.oip.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/09JAGMOU.pdf>

** Amounts for disparate jurisdictions appearing in the “Eligible Individual Allocation” column are suggested amounts based on what each jurisdiction would have been eligible to receive if there was no identified disparity. Disparate jurisdictions are responsible for determining individual allocations and documenting individual allocations in the MOU. Additional JAG Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the BJA JAG web page at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/09JAGFAQ.pdf>

All, Byrne JAG solicitations for states and local governments are now available. Please see the following information:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: State Solicitation
Applications due: April 9, 2009

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
Applications due: May 18, 2009

JAG Allocations and Disparate Information
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html>)

JAG Sample Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Local Grantees
(<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryMOU.pdf>)

JAG Performance Measures (http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/JAG_Measures.pdf)

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Contact: For assistance with the requirements, contact: BJA toll-free at 1-866-268-0079 or e-mail JAGRecovery@usdoj.gov. This e-mail account will be checked hourly. A response will be provided within one business day. You may also contact your BJA State Policy Advisor at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/resource/stcont.htm, or Eileen M. Garry, Deputy Director for Programs, at 202-307-6226 or eileen.garry@usdoj.gov.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>

\$225 MILLION EDWARD BYRNE COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: Byrne Competitive Grants are available to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime (other than compensation) and for youth mentoring initiatives. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the purpose areas of this grant program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Edward Byrne Competitive Grants Program is April 27, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

Solicitation advice for prospective applicants is available at the website below including requirements for applicants, updates, and additional information which could affect project proposal narratives, timelines, budget requests, certifications, and other application related matters.

A detailed report on eligibility, performance measures, how to apply, application instructions, selection criteria, and the review process are available in the PDF website below.

Contact: Category I: Comprehensive Community-Based Data-Driven Approached to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime
James Chavis: 202-307-0688, james.chavis@usdoj.gov

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Category II: Providing for Funding of Neighborhood Probation and Parole Officers

Gary Dennis: 202-305-9059, gary.dennis@usdoj.gov

Category III: Reducing Mortgage Fraud and Crime Related to Vacant Properties

Paul Steiner: 202-616-3630, paul.steiner@usdoj.gov

Category IV: Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement and Public Safety-Related Agencies

Steve Edwards: 202-307-0500, steven.edwards@usdoj.gov

Category V: Enhancing Forensic and Crime Scene Investigations

Thurston Bryant, 202-514-8082, Thurston.bryant@usdoj.gov

Category VI: Improving Resources and Services for Victims of Crime

Laura Ivkovich: 202-616-3576, laura.Ivkovich@usdoj.gov

Category VII: Supporting Problem-Solving Courts

Preeti Menon: 202-353-3511, preeti.menon@usdoj.gov

Category VIII: National Training and Technical Assistance Partnerships

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Website:

www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/solicitationrequirements.htm
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>
<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$225 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

Implementation:

Specific Office on Violence Against Women investments in the Act include \$175 million for the STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program and \$50 million for the Transitional Housing Assistance Grant Program.

The STOP Program also provides funds for Grants to State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions, the Indian Tribal Governments Grant Program, and the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program.

Visit: https://puborder.ncjrs.gov/listservs/subscribe_JUVJUST.asp to subscribe to get updates

State Contact:

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
Victims' Services Program
Toll Free Phone: 800-692-7292 ext. 4

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State Websites: <http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/>
 <http://www.pccd.state.pa.us/pccd/cwp/>
Federal Websites: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>; or
 <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HIRE EXTRA POLICE OFFICERS (COPS HIRING)

Implementation: The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (the COPS Office) is announcing the availability of funding under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). The COPS Office will receive the funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to address the personnel needs of state, local, and tribal law enforcement. Application materials are scheduled to be available before the end of March. CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. Up to \$1 billion in grant funding will be available for the hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salaries and benefits packages. Any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency. Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted only online through the COPS Office web site: [www.cops.usdoj.gov /](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/) <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>. The COPS Office looks forward to working with the law enforcement agencies that apply under this program and will provide technical assistance to applicants during the solicitation process, as requested.

Contact: David Buchanan, Vonda Matthews, or Shannon Long at 202.514.9079
Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/> or [www.cops.usdoj.gov /](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/)
 <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2108>

\$40 MILLION FOR GRANTS INCLUDING FUNDING FOR HIGH-INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREAS (WHICH INCLUDES DELAWARE AND CHESTER COUNTIES)

Implementation: This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance and equipment to law enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal narcotics activity from stemming from the Southern border. By statute, \$10 million of these funds is available for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to be administered for its Project Gunrunner program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program is April 17, 2009.

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Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>
<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$100 MILLION VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) STATE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: \$47.5 million- VOCA State Crime Victim Compensation Program.

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers this formula grant program, which supplements states efforts to compensate crime victims. State crime victim compensation programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses such as medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, lost wages or loss of support. Each state that has an established crime victim compensation program is eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 20, 2009.

\$47.5 million- VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program. OVC administers this formula grant program, which supports services to victims of crime throughout the nation. States and territories use these funds to support community-based organizations that help crime victims. The organizations provide services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, criminal justice advocacy, and emergency transportation. States are required to give priority to programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Each state is eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 20, 2009.

\$5 million- National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Program (NFG).

Five million of the Recovery Act Grants for Victim Compensation and Assistance Formula will be directed to discretionary grant projects, as

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required by statute. The funding will be used to make awards under the currently open National-Field Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects (NFG) competitive grant solicitation. This competitive solicitation provides funding for training, technical assistance, and demonstration projects that are national in scope and address gaps in the field in the areas of training and technical assistance; or develop promising practices, models, or programs through demonstration projects.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is March 26, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>
 <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$50 MILLION INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response enforcement to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography.

The deadline to submit applications for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Grants is April 8, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be

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submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

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 <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

\$125 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COMBAT CRIME AND DRUGS COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Implementation: This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance to law enforcement in rural states and rural areas, to prevent and combat crime, especially drug related crime. There are five categories with categories I through IV, funding is available to law enforcement for the prevention of crime especially drug-related as mentioned above, while Category V is for national training and technical assistance programs. To qualify for this funding those eligible must be located in rural areas. A rural area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget (www.whitehouse.gov/omb/bulletins/fy2009/09-01.pdf) is either a jurisdiction that is not located in a metropolitan statistical area or any jurisdiction located in an MSA, but in a county or tribal jurisdiction that has a population less than 50,000. Priority consideration will be given to local law enforcement agencies in rural areas where the unit of local government is not eligible to receive a direct allocation from the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program or received a direct allocation that was \$50,000 or less.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant program is April 22, 2009.

Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contact Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. These numbers can be obtained by calling 1-866-705-5711 or at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Grants must be submitted through the OJP online Grants Management System (GMS) and is available below.

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Website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>
 <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>

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http://www.dol.gov/

Employment and Training Administration

<http://www.doleta.gov/>

\$500 MILLION FOR GREEN JOBS TRAINING

Implementation: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.

ETA will be a key resource to the Administration's "Green Jobs" initiative. The Green Jobs Act would support on-the-ground apprenticeship and job training programs to meet growing demand for green construction professionals skilled in energy efficiency and renewable energy installations. The Act envisions sound and practical energy investments for 3 million new jobs by helping companies retool and retrain workers to produce clean energy and energy efficient components or end products that will result in residential and commercial energy savings, industry revenue, and new green jobs throughout the country.

To better serve the workforce system and its efforts to support green jobs and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, ETA has developed a draft green jobs framework for action (http://www.doleta.gov/pdf/No_Workers_Frame_0306.pdf). The framework identifies the foundational and operational elements required for serving the needs of the workforce system and its customers. It is designed to promote the development of new and existing green jobs, and hasten widespread employment in green careers across several industry sectors.

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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/>

\$500 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR ADULT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

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Implementation: These funds are available for states to provide employment and training services to adults through the One-Stop system in accordance with WIA allocation requirements. Funds are provided for the programs described at: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm. Priority use of funds is for services to public assistance recipients and other low income individuals. Pennsylvania will receive \$16.5 million for programs associated with Adult activities.

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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/> or
<http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>
http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2728

\$1.2 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES FOR YOUTH TRAINING, INCLUDING SUMMER JOBS

Implementation: Funds are provided for programs described at http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/. Funds will be distributed based on the existing formula according to the Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) available at the website below. Details concerning program guidelines are also available in the TEGL defining work periods and requirements for applicant programs. Emphasis is placed on summer employment opportunities for youth, but year-round opportunities are also envisioned. Age eligibility for these funds is changed from 21 to 24. Pennsylvania will receive \$40.6 million for youth activities. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/> or
<http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm>
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<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

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http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/

\$200 FOR DISLOCATED WORKER ASSISTANCE

Implementation:

Funds are provided for programs described at

http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general_info.cfm.

An outline of the implementation for this program can be found in a DOL memo detailing specific instructions to states on how they can use funding under the Recovery Act to serve adults, dislocated workers and youth, and provide labor exchange services to all who need them. The workforce investment system will use Recovery Act funds to increase service levels, address immediate employment needs and spur future economic growth to advance shared prosperity for all Americans.

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These funds are intended for those who are defined as dislocated workers through termination, plant closure, a person who is self-employed or unemployed or a displaced homemaker. The DOL suggests six methods of training to be used by states utilizing these funds: (1) individual training accounts, (2) customized training (3) on the job training (4) contracts with institutions of higher learning and other training providers (5) contracts with community based-organizations (6) registered apprenticeships. Pennsylvania will receive \$42 million for dislocated worker activities. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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<http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/whoweserve.cfm>

\$575 MILLION FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS

Implementation:

Reauthorizes all Trade Adjustment Assistance programs until Dec. 21, 2010 and increases funding to states.

Contact:

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Employment and Training Administration

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**\$200 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO STATES WITH HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT NUMBERS FOR
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

Implementation: DoL information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website.

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\$750 MILLION FOR FUNDS TO NATIONAL RESERVE ASSISTANCE FOR DISLOCATED WORKERS

Implementation: Funds are provided for a program of competitive grants for worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. Of the total, \$500,000,000 is to be used for research, labor exchange, and job training projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable industry industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector. A more detailed description of requirements for these funds is provided at the website below.

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\$50 MILLION FOR YOUTHBUILD ACTIVITIES

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Implementation: YouthBuild is a youth and community development program that simultaneously addresses core issues facing low-income communities: housing, education, employment, crime prevention, and leadership development. In YouthBuild programs, low-income young people ages 16-24 work toward their GEDs or high school diplomas, learn job skills and serve their communities by building affordable housing, and transform their own lives and roles in society. DoL has not yet posted details online. Further information can be acquired from the regional office and/or the website. A more detailed description of requirements for these funds is provided at the website below.

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Local Contact: Chester YouthBuild
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Chester, PA 190160572
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Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/YouthBuild.cfm
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<http://www.youthbuild.org/>
http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2728

\$120 MILLION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME OVER-55s SENIOR (SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP))

Implementation: Since 1965, Department of Labor has managed the Older American Community Service Employment Program, which provides part-time opportunities in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons who are fifty-five years or older. Bill provides additional funding. See website for application and further information. The funds will be distributed to the Commonwealth, which will in turn distribute it to County Area Agencies on Aging.

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601 Westtown Road, Suite 320
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West Chester, PA 19380-0990
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Fax: (610) 344-5288
Web site: <http://www.chesco.org/aging>
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Montgomery County Aging & Adult Services

Human Services Center
1430 DeKalb Street
P.O. Box 311
Norristown, PA 19404-0311
Tel: (610) 278-3601
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Web site: www.montcopa.org/mcaas
E-mail: jkline@montcopa.org

Website: <http://www.doleta.gov/regs/statutes/olderam.cfm> or
<http://www.doleta.gov/SENIORS/>

**\$400 MILLION FOR STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
OPERATIONS**

Implementation: Contact PA Department of Labor and Industries. For standard procedure for submitting applications, please see website for additional information.

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Office of Job Corps

<http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx>

**\$250 MILLION FOR OFFICE OF JOB CORPS CONSTRUCTION AND MODERNIZATION OF
RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

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Implementation: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving at-risk youth.
Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible youth at least 16 years of age, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. Further information on how the agency will receive and disseminate construction program funds is not yet available.

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\$1.1 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS (GRANTS-IN-AID FOR AIRPORTS)

Implementation: Airports must be part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) to be eligible for funding with priority to those projects which can be completed in two years.
While the funding is not subject to normal AIP authorization authority, the funding is to be administered under the requirements of Airport Improvement Program (AIP) discretionary funding.

1. Airport Funding

The Act requires that this additional funding commonly referred to as Economic Recovery (ER) funding, be treated as though it was AIP pure discretionary, that is without formulas, special apportionment categories, or minimum set-asides.

All normal required AIP grant documentation and filing applies to the administration of ER projects. All normal AIP grant conditions, certifications and assurances apply. The funding carries all the eligibility, flexibility and requirements of normal AIP discretionary funds under our existing statutory authorization with the following exceptions:

- **Priority Consideration** – Priority consideration must be given to those projects that can be awarded within 120 days (June 17, 2009) ***and*** that can be completed within two years of the date of enactment of the Act (February 16, 2011). For purposes of this guidance, awarded shall mean obligated pursuant to a Grant Offer and Acceptance by the sponsor.
- **Federal Share** – There is a **100% federal share** for this program, meaning that there is no local match required. Accordingly, each grant must identify a useable unit of work that will be 100% funded.

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- **Specific Dates** – The statute identifies specific milestone dates that must be complied with. These dates are detailed in Section 2 – **Airport Project Timeline** of this guidance.
- **Eligibility vis-à-vis Planned AIP Projects** – The ARRA statute requires that economic recovery funds *supplement* and *not supplant* planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources for airport development activities. In other words, ER funds are specifically precluded from being used for projects where there were “*planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources*”. FAA interprets this to exclude projects for ER funding consideration that were planned for traditional AIP in FY-2009 and that included State or local match requirements.

Accordingly, projects in the Airports Capital Improvement Program (ACIP) for FY-2009 shall remain potential AIP candidates but not ER fund candidates because of the planned AIP funding with a local match from state or local funds. ACIP projects for FY-2010 and beyond may be identified as candidates for ER funds since they would supplement and not supplant planned expenditures using state and local funds during FY-2009. Therefore, if a project was identified for funding in the FY-2009 program, either with entitlements or discretionary funding, it may not be funded with ER funding.

- **State Block Grants** – Since the funding made available under the ARRA is pure discretionary, there is no formula distribution of funds to States in the State Block Grant Program (SBGP). Instead, any funding of eligible projects that fit the criteria contained within this guidance will be made directly to the SBGP sponsor with specific airport and funding amounts specified. It will be the responsibility of the SPGP sponsor to issue a sub-grant and administer the grant in accordance with this guidance and the requirements of the ARRA. All provisions within this guidance, including recoveries, amendments and requisite reporting, also apply to SBGP grants with ER funding.
- **Recoveries** – Unlike normal AIP funding, ER funds have a limited life for recovery and reobligation. ER funds may be recovered and reobligated up to September 30, 2010. After September 30, 2010, there is no statutory provision to reobligate recovered funds and they will be returned to the US Treasury. Reobligation of recovered ER funds after September 30, 2009 will require the use of recovery ceiling issued by the FAA Office of Budget (ABU).
- **Amendments** – Due to the differing Federal share percentages associated with ER funding compared to “normal” AIP, an amendment to an ER funded grant that requires additional funds can only be accomplished with available ER funding. Since it is required that all ER funded projects be based on bids, it can reasonably be expected that additional ER funding that may be available for

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amendments through recoveries will be extremely limited. All project recoveries will be directed to amendments for close-outs on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sponsors should be aware that (a.) it is likely that there will be little ER funding for amendments, and (b.) as noted above, any recoveries that may become available cannot be reobligated after September 30, 2010. Thereafter, the sponsor will be completely responsible for project cost overruns.

2. Airport Project Timeline

The required timeline for ER projects is specific, tight and has required milestone dates. FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009

- **June 17, 2009:** At least 50% of the \$1.1 billion in funding provided by ARRA, or \$550 million, must be awarded within 120 days of enactment. For purposes of this guidance, awarded shall mean obligated pursuant to a Grant Offer and Acceptance by the sponsor. Because of this timeline, regions will be providing increased oversight to assure that all of the interim steps to obligation (bid preparation, advertisement, bid review, sponsor certifications, etc) are being completed.
- **February 16, 2010:** All funding must be awarded within one year of enactment of the ARRA or it will be lost. However, in order to assure that the projects have the highest likelihood of completion as quickly as possible, and achieve the goal of the ARRA – the timely creation of jobs - FAA’s internal objective is to have the entire amount under grant prior to the close of FY-2009.
- **September 30, 2010:** **Recovered ER funds must be reobligated by this date, or they will be lost;** and
- **February 16, 2011:** Priority is to be given to projects that can be completed within two years of the date of enactment of the ARRA. The term “completed” means when construction or acquisition of equipment is finished as evidenced by the project’s Final Inspection.

3. Planned Regional Distribution

The intent of the ARRA is clear. FAA is to issue grants for high priority projects that can proceed to construction quickly to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery. Because of the lead time associated with the consideration and passage of the legislation, FAA has been able to identify a national pool of candidate projects that greatly exceeds the ER funding now available.

To assure consistent application of award criteria nationally, and in keeping with our commitment to use FAA’s existing statutory priorities to direct funds to “ready-to-go” projects, FAA has established a national priority threshold for the use of ER funds. Based upon this threshold, FAA has identified a candidate pool of the highest priority projects by region and distributed such

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to the Regions. FAA has also distributed a tentative allocation of ER funds, based upon existing FAA internal formulas and policies, to establish funds for Regional planning purposes. The identified high priority project listings that have been transmitted exceed the availability of funds allocated to regions based on historical distributions by region.

FAA Regional/District office staff will review the project listings and, to the extent funding is available, confirm the highest priority of the projects on the listing that they expect to fund and that can meet the timelines indicated above. Each project identified will indicate whether it can FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009 be obligated in the 120-day period or by the end of the current fiscal year being mindful that nationally we must award 50% of all funding within 120 days.

4. General Provisions

All funds issued under this Act will be subject to extraordinary scrutiny, with strict distribution and reporting requirements.

- While the ER funding will follow all of the rules and requirements for AIP discretionary funding, it is actually a different type of funding; therefore, it must be tracked separately at all times. FAA is making provisions within SOAR, our automated grant management system, to assure this capability.
- In addition to being tracked separately, ER funds and AIP funds may not be mixed. That means that individual grants may not be issued with both types of funds in the grant.
- Grant Offers will be based upon existing statutory priorities as detailed within the NPR system and other special focus area initiatives (non-hub terminal buildings, Voluntary Airport Low Emission (VALE) program, etc.).
- As noted above, and within the existing statutory priorities, preference will be given to those projects that are “*ready-to-go*”. For purposes of this guidance, “*ready-to-go*” is defined as a project that:
 - Has an environmental determination;
 - Has received requisite airspace approvals;
 - Appears on the airport’s approved Airport Layout Plan;
 - If required, has a completed FAA-approved benefit-cost analysis;
 - Has design (plans and specification documentation) substantially complete;
 - Will be bid prior to the time of Grant Offer;
 - Will be able to issue a Notice to Proceed within 30 calendar days of Grant Offer;
 - Is projected to have construction completed no later than February 16, 2011; and

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- Has the Sponsor's certification as to bid, Buy American waivers, Notice to Proceed, and certain certifications required under the ARRA. See *Attachment 1 – Airport Sponsor Certification*, to be provided with the project application and maintained within the grant file.
- There are special grant conditions that must be included in all ER grants, discussed below.
- There is additional grant documentation, reporting and filing for ER grants that are discussed below.

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5. Local Match Requirement

As noted above in Section 1, there is no local match required for ER grants. Because of the difficulty of defining a useable unit of work with varying Federal share percentages in the same grant, ER funding and “normal” AIP funding cannot be commingled in the same grant. It is acceptable to have ER funding on a discrete portion of a phased project for which there was, or will be, another phase funded with normal AIP. However, the ER funded phase must be a specifically described unit of work that will contribute to the final useable unit identified constructed by all phased grants, and the FY-2009 ACIP must not have already assigned funds for the phase now to be considered for ER funding.

6. Maximum Grant Guidance

To facilitate equitable distribution across regions, States and service levels, and in an effort to represent the expected distribution in a typical AIP distribution, the maximum amount of any ER funding to a single project is limited to \$15 million and to a single sponsor is limited to \$20 million.

For purposes of guidance, the table below illustrates historical AIP grants amounts (mean and 90 percentile) by service level. ER grant fund amounts that are significantly different from this historical profile should be scrutinized.

Mean		90 Percentile
Large Primary	\$ 6,245,525	\$ 15,309,118
Medium Primary	\$ 4,455,882	\$ 10,484,558
Small Primary	\$ 3,317,124	\$ 7,698,045
Non-Hub Primary	\$ 2,006,924	\$ 4,918,639
Commercial Service	\$ 1,396,502	\$ 3,382,843
Reliever	\$ 1,086,134	\$ 2,957,443
General Aviation	\$ 519,676	\$ 1,213,474

7. Use of Entitlements

One key provision of the Act is that no funds in the Act may supplant any other State or local funds that were to be used on a project. This is critically

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important for airports. An airport may FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009 want to fund a project with ER funds while carrying over their entitlements, in part to access 100% federal funding or to “bank” entitlements for use in future years when funding may be more scarce. However, allowing an airport to carry over entitlements would constitute supplanting funds since their local match would not be eliminated with the 100% ER funding. Therefore, in order to receive ER funding, the sponsor must commit all currently available entitlement to FY-2009 “normal” AIP projects. For purposes of this guidance, FY-2009 Part A entitlements that were carried over to FY-2010 are not considered as “currently available”.

If a sponsor does not have a separate project on which to apply entitlement funds, then the proposed ER project must be broken into two separate usable units of work, one of which is funded with available entitlement AIP and the balance of which may be funded with ER funding. While slightly more complicated, this will ensure compliance with the Act’s requirement that no ER funds supplant the use of other funding.

8. Sponsor Certifications Prior to Grant Offer

Due to the scrutiny this program will receive, it is appropriate to add one additional level of oversight. Accordingly, to ensure that all projects have the highest potential to quickly result in job creation, *all* ER grant offers are required to be based upon bids prior to Grant Offer. In addition to assuring that no ER funds are sitting idle awaiting design and/or bid, there is the added benefit of having a motivated and interested third party, the contractor, urging the project forward.

Accordingly, the sponsor shall be required to certify to the following items prior to Grant Offer:

- Project bid status, complete with a copy of the bid tabulation;
- Identification of requisite waiver requests to the Buy American Preference Requirement;
- Commitment to the issuance of a Notice to Proceed within 30 days of Grant Offer.
- Certain certifications as required by the ARRA.

These certifications are contained with *Attachment 1 – Airport Sponsor Certifications* and must be included in the grant file prior to issuance of a Grant Offer.

9. Replacement Projects

The FAA must be mindful of the need to have sufficient projects available for bid in subsequent, or “out” years. Accordingly, for purposes of assuring a viable candidate list in out years, FAA must take appropriate actions, possibly including the use of a portion of their ER funding distribution if necessary, to provide for design of projects (i.e. preparation of plans and specifications) to be bid in out years to replace those projects that are being accelerated to take advantage of ER project funding. However, all requirements for ER fund obligation and project completion still apply—including project completion by February 16, 2011. FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009

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10. Program Reporting Requirements and Certification

Congress has specifically mandated that both the sponsors and the FAA report on the use of funds provided under the ARRA to (a) assure transparency and oversight of the distribution of the funding, and (b) assure the effective administration of the ER funds as envisioned by Congress. As to transparency and oversight reporting (Sec 1512), the airport sponsors are required by statute, not later than 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, to submit a report to the FAA that contains information as detailed within **Attachment 2 – Transparency and Oversight Requirements**. If an error is subsequently revealed by the FAA or the sponsor on this reporting requirement, contact APP-520 to determine the correct process and timing to correct.

As to the effective administration reporting (Sec. 1201(c)), each sponsor is required by statute to submit the first of the periodic reports required under this subsection not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act and shall submit updated reports not later than 180 days, 1 year, two years, and three years after such date of enactment and shall contain the information that is detailed in **Attachment 3 – General Reporting Requirements**.

Not later than 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, the FAA shall make the information in the transparency and oversight reports submitted by the sponsor publicly available by posting the information on a website. The FAA must compile the sponsor reports on effective administration and transmit them to Congress.

The Act requires several certifications by state or local officials. Sections 1201 and 1607 require certifications by the Governors of states that receive ER funds. Under Section 1201 the Governor must certify that the state will maintain planned state funding for airport projects, and under section 1607 the Governor must certify that the state will request and use funds under the Act, and that the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth. At this time, the Department of Transportation has drafted certifications that are to be used by all DOT agencies. However, Section 1511 requires certifications from the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive on the infrastructure investments funded by ER funds and the FAA must assure its submittal. The official must certify that the investment has been fully reviewed and vetted under the law and that it is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars. FAA plans to make the section 1511 certification a part of the grant application. An executed certification must be received by the FAA before Grant Offer. FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009

11. Buy American

The Act specifically requires compliance with Buy American. While Buy American is a part of the “usual” AIP contract requirements, including it as a separate section in the legislation signals the Congressional intent that grant recipients use United States’ (US) goods to the maximum extent possible. However, the Act also requires that this provision be applied in a manner consistent with US obligations under international agreements

12. Federal Register Notices of Buy American Waivers

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For any waiver that is issued to the Buy American requirements, a federal register notice must be published listing the airport, the project, information about the waiver itself and the reason that the waiver was issued. This includes times when the waiver is based upon the cost of the components and subcomponents produced in the US is 60 percent or more of the cost of all of the components and subcomponents of the facility and equipment and final assembly of the equipment or facility was in the US. Accordingly, so as to assure adequate time to process any waiver requests, the sponsor is required to provide requests for waiver to the Buy American Preference Requirement (BAPR) (49 USC 50101) along with its certification of bid status and commitment to Notice to Proceed schedule. The sponsor should be mindful of these requirements so as to take appropriate action, such as highlighting in all bidding documents and making the bidders aware during pre-bid conferences.

13. ARRA Wage Rate Requirements

The Department of Labor's (DOL) interpretation of the ARRA provision on the Federal wage rates is that the ARRA **does not** increase the scope of the Davis-Bacon provisions for ARRA projects beyond how FAA applies on normal AIP. Accordingly, grant administration of the ARRA wage rate requirements will apply Davis-Bacon in the same manner as it is applied for normal AIP. DOL is the agency charged with interpreting this section and FAA is relying on their interpretation. DOL plans to issue additional guidance concerning how the Davis-Bacon applies to projects funded by ARRA, but doesn't anticipate any significant changes from how it is applied on normal AIP.

14. Special Grant Conditions

The legislation requires a level of program reporting that does not currently exist in "normal" AIP funding. To this end, the majority of the additional requirements, such as interim reporting of expenditures, jobs created or preserved, project status reports, etc. will be included as a requirement of the Sponsor and will be so noted within the grant agreement. More specifically, the following Special Conditions are to be included in each Grant Offer for ER funding: FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009

a. Compliance to Special Reporting Requirement – It is agreed and understood that in accepting this Grant Offer, the sponsor acknowledges and agrees that it will provide all reports, in a format and with such frequency as determined by the FAA, for all information related to the administration of this grant as required by Congress or any Federal agency with authority to require such reporting including, but not limited to, that required by Section 1201 and Section 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This reporting will include, but not be limited to, schedules, construction progress, project expenditures, job creation, etc. as specified. The sponsor further agrees to provide the FAA with the certifications required by Sections 1201, 1511, and 1607 of the ARRA of 2009 in the format and at the time required by under the Act and related guidance issued by the FAA or another Federal agency.

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- b. Contract and Notice to Proceed** – It is agreed and understood that the Sponsor will have a fully executed contract in place for construction or manufacture of the project described within 15 calendar days of the date of this Grant Offer, and further, that the Sponsor will issue a Notice to Proceed within 30 days of Grant Offer. The Sponsor further agrees and understands if a contract is not executed within 15 days, and/or Notice to Proceed is not given within 30 days of the Grant Offer, the FAA may unilaterally cancel the grant and recover the grant funds for redistribution.
- c. Grant Closure and Recovery** – The FAA may unilaterally close this grant and recover the funds without prejudice if the Sponsor does not comply with any of these Special Conditions or other provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- d. Drawdowns** – The Sponsor shall make timely payments for costs incurred (construction, engineering, etc.) and shall request payment reimbursement or initiate ECHO drawdowns at least every 30 days as evidence of such payments. Payment requests or drawdowns shall only be for reimbursement of work completed and shall only be required if contractor payments have taken place in the preceding period.
- e. Project Completion** – The Sponsor is expected to take all appropriate actions necessary to promptly carry out and complete the project no later than February 16, 2011. For purposes of this Special Condition, the term “completed” means when the contractor or the manufacturer of equipment is finished as evidenced by the project’s Final Inspection Report.
- f. Amendments** – It is understood and agreed that this grant can only be amended with funds made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, if available. Further, it is understood and agreed that this grant cannot be amended after September 30, 2010. FAA ARRA Stakeholder Guidance March 3, 2009

15. Heightened Program Oversight

There is every expectation that the ER program will have an unprecedented level of oversight by the agency, Department, OIG, GAO, OMB and the public. Accordingly, to assure the Administration’s commitment to transparency, FAA and the airport sponsor must be fastidious in its grant documentation and overall record keeping. Additionally, FAA will be conducting additional sponsor worksite visits to assure project progress, to the extent necessary considering the scale of the project.

16. Miscellaneous Issues

- **Clarification** – The ARRA specifically states that funding provided under the legislation can be used, “...for the procurement, installation and commissioning of runway incursion prevention devices and systems at airports...”. We interpret this phrase to mean no more consideration than what is currently eligible under AIP.
- **Supplemental Language** - Supplemental guidance will be issued as necessary based upon subsequent OMB/DOT directives.

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- **Standard Grant Language** - Modification to standard AIP grant language reflecting provisions and authority the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be forthcoming for FAA and sponsor use.

Projects in Pennsylvania:

\$5 million for Philadelphia International: Rehabilitation Runway [Phase III]

\$1 million for Northeast Philadelphia: Rehabilitate Taxiway [Phase II]

\$1 million for Wilkes/ Barre/ Scranton International: Install Guidance Signs [Phase I]

\$3.5 million for Lancaster: Rehabilitation of Taxiway

Website:

<http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

\$200 MILLION FOR UPGRADES TO FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION POWER SYSTEMS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTERS AND TOWERS AND AIRPORT LIGHTING, NAVIGATION AND LANDING EQUIPMENT

Implementation:

Finances major capital investments related to modernizing and improving air traffic control and airway facilities, equipment, and systems. The F&E appropriation provides funds to establish, replace, relocate, or improve air navigation facilities and equipment and aviation safety systems based on their operational uses. Recovery funds will be used to upgrade power systems (\$50 million), air route traffic control centers (\$50 million), air traffic control towers and terminal radar approach control facilities (\$80 million), and navigation and landing equipment (\$20 million).

Area projects:

- Power Systems Camden (Philadelphia NJ PHL GNAS BATTERY
- Air Traffic Control Towers Wilkes Barre PA AVP Tower Replacement

Website:

<http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

<http://www.faa.gov/recovery/programs/>

\$27.5 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Implementation:

Distributed to states by Federal Highway Administration formula. Pennsylvania will receive \$1.026 billion on a reimbursement basis only. The funds must be able be spent within 3 years and funds unobligated within 120 days of enactment will be returned to the Secretary of Transportation.

The purpose of the funding is transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects, and intelligent transportation systems.

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If the five counties of southeastern Pennsylvania receive their population-based share of highway dollars, Greater Philadelphia will receive \$318 million from Pennsylvania dedicated to highway capital projects in the region. Most of the region's candidate projects focus on clearing deferred maintenance.

Local Candidate Projects

Within the five-county Philadelphia region, PennDOT will invest \$257.7 million of federal economic recovery funds on 21 transportation projects, which include road and bridge improvements, Intelligent Transportation System installations, traffic signal upgrades, multi-use trail construction and curb ramp replacements.

Chester County

\$18 million for multiuse trail (Chester Valley Trail Phase 1)

\$6 million for Rt. 30 paving and guiderail

\$1.2 million for ADA ramps

Delaware County

\$37.5 million I-95 Intelligent Transportation System Extension

\$3.6 million for ADA ramps

\$120K Newtown St. Road & Whitehorse Road Signal

\$432K Brookhaven Curb Cut/Ramps

\$100K Upgrade LED Street Lights

\$120K Upgrade LED Traffic Signals

Montgomery County

\$120 million for Rt. 476 roadway Reconstruction

\$19.368 million for Rt. 422 pavement, bridge deck and parapet repair

\$6 million for ADA Ramps

\$3.208 million County-wide Traffic Signal Update

\$14.5 million I-76/Henderson Road Ramps

Philadelphia County

\$18 million for Plat Bridge rehabilitation and preservation

\$66 million for 95's Girard Point Bridge rehabilitation and preservation

PennDOT awarded Road-Con, Inc. of West Chester, a \$12,217,789 contract to rehabilitate and resurface 4.5 miles of Route 422 in Montgomery County, and a \$4,445,170 contract to rebuild 1,600 curb ramps at intersections in Chester County. C. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. of Sewell, N.J. was awarded a \$4,818,551 contract to reconstruct 1,700 curb ramps at intersections throughout Delaware County.

On Route 422, construction crews will repair the four-lane expressway from a half-mile east of the Route 29 (Collegeville) Interchange to 1,500

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feet west of the Royersford Interchange in Upper Providence and Limerick townships, respectively. They will remove and replace deteriorated concrete; resurface the concrete pavement with asphalt; repair 12 bridges; install safety rumble strips on the shoulders; install new guide rail; clean existing pipe culverts; install new pavement markings and reflective pavement markers; and install Intelligent Transportation System conduit. Construction is scheduled to start in late May and finish in June 2010.

The two curb ramp contracts are part of PennDOT's multi-year, multi-million dollar program to reconstruct curbs ramps throughout the commonwealth to meet the latest design standards. Both the Chester County and Delaware County curb ramp projects are scheduled to begin construction in mid-May and finish in May 2010.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, PennDOT installed about 100,000 curb ramps between 1992 and 1995 for use by individuals with disabilities. Since that time, design standards for curb ramps has changed and most ramps must be rebuilt to conform to the latest standards.

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Website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm> or
<http://www.dot.state.pa.us/PennDOT/Districts/district6.nsf/District%206-0%20Homepage>
<http://www.dvrpc.org/>
<http://www.recovery.gov/?Q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>

\$1.3 BILLION FOR GRANTS TO AMTRAK

Implementation: Funds must be awarded to Amtrak by March 19, 2009. \$450 million will be used for security improvements, with no more than 60% of remaining funds being spent on the Northeast Corridor. Other funds will be awarded based on agreement between FRA and Amtrak based on guidelines from the Recovery Act including those related to jobs creation, transparency, and timely expenditure.

Website: <http://www.amtrak.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)
www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>

\$8 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN DESIGNATED HIGH-SPEED RAIL CORRIDORS & INTERCITY RAIL

Implementation: The funding will distributed by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through discretionary grants to States to pay for the cost of high speed rail and intercity passenger rail projects. By April 18, 2009, the

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FRA must submit a plan to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees detailing their plan for the funds, including schedule and criteria for awarding funds. By June 17, 2009 interim guidance must be provided for grant applicants covering terms, conditions, and procedures.

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PA Department of Transportation
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Website:

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/2166>

\$750 MILLION FOR FIXED GUIDEWAY MODERNIZATION

Implementation:

These funds will be used for capitol projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventative maintenance.

Contact:

The Philadelphia Metropolitan Office is staffed by five individuals, two from the Federal Highway Administration and three from the Federal Transit Administration.
1760 Market St, Suite 510, Philadelphia, PA 19103
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Fax: (215) 656-7269

Website:

<http://www.fta.dot.gov> or
http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html
<http://www.septa.com/>

\$750 MILLION FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS (NEW & SMALL STARTS)

Implementation:

The Federal Transit Administration's New Start Program is a discretionary program used to help finance locally-planned, implemented, and operated transit "guideway" capital investments. Pennsylvania will receive \$80 million in capital investment grants. Priority given to projects that are currently in construction or able to have funds obligated within 150 days of enactment. Funds are available through September 30, 2010.

These funds will be used for capitol projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventative maintenance.

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http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html or
http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html
<http://www.septa.com/>

\$6.9 BILLION FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL ASSISTANCE-DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Implementation: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.

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Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

\$100 MILLION FOR GRANTS FOR INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SMALL DOMESTIC SHIPYARDS

Implementation: GRANT PERIOD IS CLOSED

To provide that the Maritime Administration shall establish an assistance program for small shipyards. Under this program, there is currently an aggregate of \$98,000,000 available for grants for capital improvements, and related infrastructure improvements at qualified shipyard facilities that will be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration. (\$2,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 appropriated for the program is reserved for program administration.) Such grants may not be used to construct buildings or other physical facilities or to acquire land unless such use is specifically approved by the Administrator as being consistent with and supplemental to capital and related infrastructure improvements.

Grant funds may also be used for maritime training programs to foster technical skills and operational productivity in communities whose economies are related to or dependent upon the maritime industry. However, grants for such training programs may only be awarded to “Eligible Applicants” as described below but training programs can be established through vendors to such applicants.

Award Information: The Maritime Administration intends to award the full amount of the available funding through grants to the extent that there are worthy applications. No more than 25 percent of the funds available

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will be awarded to shipyard facilities that have more than 600 production employees. The Maritime Administration will seek to obtain the maximum benefit from the available funding by awarding grants for as many of the most worthy projects as possible. The Maritime Administration may partially fund projects by selecting parts of the total project. The start date and period of performance for each award will depend on the specific project and must be agreed to by the Maritime Administration.

Eligibility Information: 1. Eligible Applicants—the statutes referenced in “Funding Opportunity” above provide that shipyards can apply for grants. The shipyard facility for which a grant is sought must be in a single geographical location, located in or near a maritime community, and may not have more than 1200 production employees. 2. Other Considerations in Making Awards—In providing grants, the Administrator shall take into account (a) the economic circumstances and conditions of the maritime community near to which a shipyard facility is located; (b) projects that would be effective in fostering efficiency, competitive operations, and quality ship construction, repair, and reconfiguration; and (c) projects that would be effective in fostering employee skills and enhancing productivity.

Matching Requirements: (1) Except as provided in item (2) below, Federal funds for any eligible project shall not exceed 75 percent of the total cost of such project. The remaining portion of the cost shall be paid in funds from or on behalf of the awardee. The applicant will be required to submit detailed financial statements and any necessary supporting documentation demonstrating how and when such matching requirement is proposed to be funded. (2) Exceptions—If the Administrator determines that a proposed project merits support and cannot be undertaken without a higher percentage of Federal financial assistance, the Administrator may award a grant for such project with a lesser matching requirement than is described in item (1). (3) Unless waived for good cause, the awardee’s matching requirement must be paid prior to payment of any federal funds for the project.

Application: An application should be filed on standard Form SF-424 which can be found on the internet at Marad.dot.gov. Although the form is available electronically, we request that the application be filed in hard copy as indicated below due to the amount of information requested. A shipyard facility may include multiple projects in one application. In order to allow us to evaluate whether an applicant meets the statutory criteria, the application for a grant should also provide the following information as an addendum to Form SF-424:

Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/docs/marad.pdf>
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

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\$288 MILLION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL FACILITIES FOR TRAINS CAPABLE OF GOING AT 150 MILES PER HOUR WILL QUALIFY FOR FACILITY BONDS; BILL CHANGES QUALIFICATION AND INCREASES FUNDING.

Implementation: Funds will be distributed by grants through the US DoT/ Federal Railroad Administration.

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Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional_offices_867.html

\$8.4 BILLION FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS (TRANSIT CAPITOL ASSISTANCE)

Implementation: The majority of stimulus funds will be distributed to states by Federal Transit Administration formula. (see below for national TIGER program). Pennsylvania will receive \$263 million: \$233 million in Section 5307 and 5340 (Urbanized Area Formula Grants) and \$30 million in Section 5311 and 5340 (Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas). While states will have general discretion, formulas allocate 80 percent of these funds to urban areas. Projects must be completed in 2 years and funds not obligated within 180 days of enactment will be returned to the Secretary of Transportation to reallocate.

If Greater Philadelphia receives the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's ridership-based share of Pennsylvania's total, Greater Philadelphia will receive approximately \$193 million dedicated to transit capital projects. Most of the region's candidate projects focus on clearing deferred maintenance.

Local Projects:

- \$675 thousand for Restroom renovation at 69th Street (Project No. 1-28)
- \$12.4 million for Malvern Station improvements to include a new pedestrian underpass, new energy efficient lighting, intertrack fencing, and expansion and improvements to parking lot (Project No. P1C-8)
- \$1.3 million for Construct a 90 space parking lot at the Elwyn Station (Project No. P2-17)
- \$8.8 million for Emergency call boxes and passenger information system along the Rt 101/102 (Projects No. P1-17 and 18)
- \$36.15 million for Rail replacement along the 101/102 line and other projects that will for fewer service disruptions for customers (Projects No. P1-13, 14, & 15, P-2-4)
- \$18.686 million for 40 hybrid buses (Project No. P1-33)
- \$7.3 million for Track bed stabilization on R3 line from Elwyn to Wawa (Project No. P1C-1)
- \$4.9 million for Signage Upgrades for 17 stations, R5 Paoli/Thorndale Line (Project No. P1-1)

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- Includes: Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, Radnor, St. Davids, Devon, and Berwyn

Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program is a new grant program. \$100 million of the \$8.4 million is appropriated for a new program to provide direct funding to public transit agencies for “capital investments that will assist in reducing the energy consumption or greenhouse gas emissions of their public transportation systems.”

The Federal register detailing the eligibility information, availability of funds, and application procedures are explained in greater detail at the below website.

Website:

<http://www.septa.com/business/stimulus/intro.html>

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-6420.htm>

http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

\$1.5 BILLION NATIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM – DISCRETIONARY GRANTS (TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PROGRAM)

Implementation:

Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments.

Interim Notice of Funding Availability: On Monday, May 18, 2009, the Department of Transportation published a notice of funding availability and solicitation of applications from applicants seeking funds under this program.

Public Comments: The solicitation announces the availability of funding for TIGER Discretionary Grants, project selection criteria, application requirements and the deadline for submitting applications, which is September 15, 2009. Because this is a new program, however, the solicitation also provides two weeks for comments on the proposed selection criteria and guidance for awarding TIGER Discretionary Grants. The Department will take all comments into consideration and may publish a supplemental notice revising some elements of the solicitation. Any such amendment will be published by June 17, 2009.

Eligible Applicants: Funds under this program will be awarded to State and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, other political subdivisions of State or local governments, and multi-State or multi-jurisdictional applicants.

Eligible Projects: Projects that are eligible for TIGER Discretionary Grants include, but are not limited to, capital investments in: (1) highway or bridge projects; (2) public transportation projects; (3) passenger and freight rail transportation projects; and (4) port infrastructure investments, including projects that connect ports to other modes of transportation and improve the efficiency of freight movement.

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Selection Criteria: TIGER Discretionary Grants will be awarded based on the following selection criteria, which incorporate the criteria specified in the Recovery Act:

(a) **Long-Term Outcomes:** The Department will give priority to projects that have a significant impact on desirable long-term outcomes for the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The following types of long-term outcomes will be given priority:

(i) **State of Good Repair:** Improving the condition of existing transportation facilities and systems, with particular emphasis on projects that minimize life-cycle costs.

(ii) **Economic Competitiveness:** Contributing to the economic competitiveness of the United States over the medium- to long-term.

(iii) **Livability:** Improving the quality of living and working environments and the experience for people in communities across the United States.

(iv) **Sustainability:** Improving energy efficiency, reducing dependence on oil, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and benefitting the environment.

(v) **Safety:** Improving the safety of U.S. transportation facilities and systems.

(b) **Job Creation & Economic Stimulus:** Consistent with the purposes of the Recovery Act, the Department will give priority to projects that are expected to quickly create and preserve jobs and stimulate rapid increases in economic activity, particularly jobs and activity that benefit economically distressed areas.

(c) **Innovation:** The Department will give priority to projects that use innovative strategies to pursue the long-term outcomes outlined above.

(d) **Partnership:** The Department will give priority to projects that demonstrate strong collaboration among a broad range of participants and/or integration of transportation with other public service efforts.

The solicitation provides additional guidance on the selection criteria. The Department will give more weight to the Long-Term Outcomes and Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criteria than to the Innovation and Partnership criteria. Projects that are unable to demonstrate a likelihood of significant long-term benefits in any of the five long-term outcomes will not proceed in the evaluation process. For the Jobs Creation & Economic Stimulus criterion, a project that is not ready to proceed quickly is less likely to be successful.

Program-Specific Criteria: The Department will use certain program-specific criteria to help differentiate between similar projects (for example, New Starts projects, or bridge replacements). To the extent two or more similar projects have similar ratings based on the selection criteria the program-specific criteria will be used to assign priority among these projects.

Distribution of Funds: The Recovery Act prohibits the award of more than 20 percent of the funds made available under this program to projects in any one State. The Recovery Act also requires that the Department take measures to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of funds and an appropriate balance in addressing the needs of urban and rural communities.

Waiver of Minimum Grant Size Requirement: The Recovery Act specifies that TIGER Discretionary Grants may be no less than \$20 million and no greater than \$300 million. However, the Department has discretion under the Recovery

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Act to waive the \$20 million minimum grant size requirement for significant projects in smaller cities, regions or States. Applicants for TIGER Discretionary Grants of less than \$20 million are encouraged to apply.

TIFIA: Up to \$200 million of the \$1.5 billion available for TIGER Discretionary Grants may be used to pay the subsidy and administrative costs of the TIFIA program if it would further the purposes of the TIGER Discretionary Grants program. Given the average subsidy cost of the existing TIFIA portfolio, \$200 million in TIGER TIFIA Payments could support approximately \$2 billion in Federal credit assistance. Applicants seeking TIGER TIFIA Payments should apply in accordance with all of the criteria and guidance specified for TIGER Discretionary Grant applicants and will be evaluated concurrently with all other applications.

Grant Administration: The Department expects that each TIGER Discretionary Grant will be administered by the modal administration in the Department with the most experience and/or expertise in the relevant project area. Applicable Federal laws, rules and regulations will apply to projects that receive TIGER Discretionary Grants, including all of the reporting and other requirements included in the Recovery Act.

Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

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<http://www.ustreas.gov/>

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=177937,00.html>

<http://www.finance.senate.gov/press/Bpress/2009press/prb021209.pdf>

Energy Related

Tax credit for purchase of residential solar, geothermal, wind and fuel cells/ Residential Energy Efficient Property Credit (Section 1122)

Implementation: This nonrefundable energy tax credit will help individual taxpayers pay for qualified residential alternative energy equipment, such as solar hot water heaters, geothermal heat pumps and wind turbines. The new law removes some of the previously imposed maximum amounts and allows for a credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of qualified property. See [Notice 09-41](#).

The credit applies to improvements such as adding insulation, energy efficient exterior windows and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems.

A similar credit was available for 2007, but was not available in 2008. Homeowners should be aware that the standards in the new law are higher than the standards for the credit that was available in 2007 for products

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that qualify as “energy efficient” for purposes of this tax credit. The IRS will issue guidance that will allow manufacturers to certify that their products meet these new standards.

Until the guidance is released, homeowners generally may continue to rely on manufacturers’ certifications that were provided under the old guidance. For exterior windows and skylights, homeowners may continue to rely on Energy Star labels in determining whether property purchased before June 1, 2009, qualifies for the credit. Manufacturers should not continue to provide certifications for property that fails to meet the new standards.

Local IRS Contact: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
Media, PA 19063 (610) 891-6002

Residential Energy Property Credit (Section 1121)

Implementation: The new law increases the energy tax credit for homeowners who make energy efficient improvements to their existing homes. The new law increases the credit rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 for improvements placed in service in 2009 and 2010.

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\$1.647 MILLION FOR FACILITIES MAKING ADVANCED ENERGY PROPERTY MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM A NEW 30% INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT (PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT)

Implementation: Prior to the passage of ARRA, the production tax credit (PTC) for certain renewable technologies was to expire on January 1, 2010. ARRA extended this date to January 1, 2013, for wind and January 1, 2014, for all other eligible renewable resources. In addition, ARRA allows companies to choose an investment tax credit (ITC) of 30 percent in lieu of the PTC and allows for a grant in lieu of this credit to be funded by the U.S. Treasury. Under most circumstances for most technologies, the full PTC would appear to be more valuable than the 30 percent ITC; however, the difference is often small. A recent report from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory suggests that qualitative factors, such as the lack of partners with sufficient tax liability, may cause companies to favor the ITC grant option in the current economic environment. As a result, in this analysis it has been assumed that eligible renewable technologies will select the ITC grant option.

Establishes a new credit for facilities engaged in manufacturing of advanced energy projects. Examples of projects include:

- Production from solar, wind, geothermal, or other renewable sources

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- Fuel cells, micro-turbines, or energy storage system for use with electric or hybrid-electric motor vehicles
- Electric grids to support the transmission of intermittent sources of renewable energy, including storage of such energy
- Carbon capture and sequestration
- Refine or blend renewable fuels

Taxpayers making the claim after 2008 and before 2014 can claim the tax credit. Taxpayers can also claim a grant once the property is in service instead either claiming the energy investment tax credit or the renewable energy production tax credit. Taxpayers receiving the grant are not eligible to receive either of the tax credits.

Extension of Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (Section 1101): The new law generally extends the “eligibility dates” of a tax credit for facilities producing electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal energy, municipal solid waste, qualified hydropower and marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy. The new law extends the “placed in service date” for wind facilities to Dec. 31, 2012. For the other facilities, the placed-in-service date was extended from December 31, 2010 (December 31, 2011 in the case of marine and hydrokinetic renewable energy facilities) to Dec. 31, 2013.

IRS Contact: Stephen Conner (IRS Contact for Small Business)
Stephen.Connor@irs.gov

Local IRS Office: 1400 N. Providence Rd.
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IRS Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

Local SBA Contact: Ms. Andrea Giles
Business Development Specialist
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THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO GIVE A GRANT EQUAL TO 30 PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE FACILITY BEING PLACED INTO SERVICE OR, IF LATER, WITHIN SIXTY DAYS OF RECEIVING AN APPLICATION FOR SUCH GRANT. THE BASIS OF THE PROPERTY IS REDUCED BY THE GRANT.

Implementation: Coordination With Renewable Energy Grants (Section 1104): Business taxpayers also can apply for a grant instead of claiming either the energy investment tax credit or the renewable energy production tax credit for property placed in service in 2009 or 2010. In some cases, if construction begins in 2009 or 2010, the grant can be claimed for energy investment credit property placed in service through 2016, and for qualified renewable energy facilities, the grant is 30 percent of the investment in the facility and the property must be placed in service before 2014 (2013 for wind facilities).

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Website: <http://www.treasurydirect.gov/>

\$604 MILLION FOR REMOVAL OF CAP ON TAX CREDITS FOR PURCHASE OF SMALL WIND SYSTEMS

Implementation: The bill would extend the placed-in-service date for wind facilities for three years (through December 31, 2012). Applies to tax year 2010, 2011, 2012. The bill would also extend the placed-in-service date for three years (through December 31, 2013) for certain other qualifying facilities: closed-loop biomass; open-loop biomass; geothermal; small irrigation; hydropower; landfill gas; waste-to-energy; and marine renewable facilities. This proposal is estimated to cost \$13.143 billion over 10 years.

Website: <http://www.treasurydirect.gov>

\$1.6 BILLION EXTRA ALLOCATION OF CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS (CREBS)

Implementation: Bonds to finance qualified renewable energy facilities. These include generating electricity from wind, closed-loop biomass, open-loop biomass, geothermal, hydropower, landfill gas, marine renewables, and trash combustion facilities. The money will be divided 1/3 to qualified projects of state/local/tribal governments, 1/3 to qualified projects of public power providers, and 1/3 for qualifying projects of electric cooperatives. No further information is yet available.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2010

Eligible: State and local governments and electric cooperatives

Apply directly to the Department of the U.S. Treasury

PA Contacts: PA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;
2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401
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Federal Contact: IRS Janae Lemley on (636) 255-1202 (not a toll-free call).

Website: www.depweb.state.pa.us
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-33.pdf>
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/>
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=12249

\$2.4 BILLION EXTRA QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS “QECBs” (\$129,144,000 ALLOCATED TO PENNSYLVANIA)

Implementation: A broad program which includes: energy efficiency capital expenditures in public housing, renewable energy production, various research and development applications, mass commuting facilities that reduce energy

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consumption, several types of energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education campaigns. The ARRA modifies this program so that qualified energy conservation bonds may be issued to make loans and grants for capital expenditures to implement green community programs and can be used for programs.

Unlike normal bonds that pay interest, tax credit bonds pay the bondholders by providing a credit against their federal income tax. These tax credit bonds will provide interest-free financing for clean energy projects. But because the federal government essentially pays the interest via tax credits, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service must allocate such credits in advance. However, tax credit bonds require the investment of a bondholder that will benefit from the federal tax credits, and those investors may be hard to find during the current business downturn. To try to draw more investment, a separate measure in the tax bill will allow regulated investment companies to pass through to their shareholders the tax credits earned by such bonds. There is a prevailing wage requirement for projects financed with energy conservation bonds.

QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS UNDER § 54D
Section 54D(a) defines a “qualified energy conservation bond” to mean any bond issued as part of an issue if –

- (1) 100 percent of the available project proceeds of such issue are to be used for one or more qualified conservation purposes,
- (2) the bond is issued by a State or local government, and
- (3) the issuer designates such bond for purposes of this section.

\$3.2 billion in total national bond volume cap shall be allocated by the Department of the Treasury among the States in proportion to the population of the States. In the case of any State where there is a “large local government,” each large local government shall be allocated a portion of the State’s allocation that bears the same ratio to the State’s allocation as the population of the large local government bears to the population of the State. The term “large local government” means any municipality or county that has a population of 100,000 or more.

Any allocation to a State or large local government shall be allocated in turn by the State or large local government to issuers within the State in a manner that results in the use of not less than 70 percent of the allocation to such State or large local government to designate bonds that are not private activity bonds.

The term “qualified conservation purpose” means any of the following:

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(A) Capital expenditures incurred for purposes of (i) reducing energy consumption in publicly-owned buildings by at least 20 percent, (ii) implementing green community programs (including the use of loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms to implement such programs), (iii) rural development involving the production of electricity from renewable energy resources, or (iv) any qualified facility

(B) Expenditures with respect to research facilities, and research grants, to support research in (i) development of cellulosic ethanol or other nonfossil fuels, (ii) technologies for the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide produced through the use of fossil fuels, (iii) increasing the efficiency of existing technologies for producing nonfossil fuels, (iv) automobile battery technologies and other technologies to reduce fossil fuel consumption in transportation, or (v) technologies to reduce energy use in buildings.

(C) Mass commuting facilities and related facilities that reduce consumption of energy, including expenditures to reduce pollution from vehicles used for mass commuting.

(D) Demonstration projects designed to promote the commercialization of (i) green building technology, (ii) conversion of agricultural waste for use in the production of fuel or otherwise, (iii) advanced battery manufacturing technologies, (iv) technologies to reduce peak use of electricity, or (v) technologies for the capture and sequestration of carbon dioxide emitted from combusting fossil fuels in order to produce electricity.

(E) Public education campaigns to promote energy efficiency.

In the case of any private activity bond, the term “qualified conservation purposes” shall not include any expenditure that is not a capital expenditure.

The Recovery (stimulus) Act provided a special rule for bonds to finance green community programs, stating that bonds issued for the purpose of providing loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms for capital expenditures to implement green community programs are not treated as private activity bonds.

ELIGIBLE ISSUERS: Eligible issuers of QEGBs include States, political subdivisions, and entities empowered to issue bonds on behalf of any such entity under rules similar to those for determining whether a bond issued on behalf of a State or political subdivision constitutes an obligation of that State or political subdivision.

Contact:

PA ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: 2 East Main Street,
Norristown, PA 19401, (484) 250-5900

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IRS - Timothy L. Jones or David E. White on (202) 622-3980 (not a toll-free call).

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<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-29.pdf>
http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_ID=12249
<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond>

30% CAP ON TAX CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PURCHASES BY HOMEOWNERS, UP TO \$1500 PER RESIDENCE

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years. The bill would increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer for qualified energy efficiency improvements during the taxable year, like adding insulation, energy-efficient exterior windows, and energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems. The bill would also eliminate the property-by-property dollar caps on this tax credit and provide an aggregate \$1,500 cap on all property qualifying for the credit. The 2007 law made 10% credit available and changed the limit on the amount claimed for improvements during 2009 and 2010 to \$1,500 instead of the old \$500 limit.

50% TAX CREDIT FOR PURCHASE OF ALTERNATIVE REFUELING STATIONS

Implementation: The qualified alternative fuel vehicle (QAFV) refueling property credit provides a tax credit to businesses, such as gas stations, and individuals that install alternative fuel pumps. These are pumps that dispense E-85 fuel, electricity, hydrogen, and natural gas. Applies to 2010 and 2011, the bill would increase the 30% alternative refueling property credit for businesses. From the IRS: Temporary Increase in Credit for Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property (Section 1123): The new law modifies the credit rate and limit amounts for property placed in service in 2009 and 2010. Qualified property (other than property relating to hydrogen) is now eligible for a 50 percent credit, and the per-location limit increases to \$50,000 for business property (increases to \$2,000 for other/residential locations). Property relating to hydrogen keeps the 30 percent rate as before, but the per-business location limit rises to \$200,000.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>
Last years form can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8911.pdf>

TREATMENT OF ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE CREDIT AS A PERSONAL CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST AMT (SECTION 1144)

Implementation: Starting in 2009, the new law allows the Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit, including the tax credit for purchasing hybrid vehicles, to be applied against the Alternative Minimum Tax. Prior to the new law, the Alternative Motor Vehicle Credit could not be used to offset the AMT. This means the credit could not be taken if a taxpayer owed AMT or was reduced for some taxpayers who did not owe AMT.

TAX CREDIT FOR PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CONVERSION UP TO \$7,500

Implementation: The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (EESA) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) created two new tax credits for various types of electric vehicles, which may include what are commonly referred to as neighborhood electric vehicles.

ARRA contains several changes to the plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) tax credit originally included in the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008 that have been included in the updated reference case. For example, ARRA allows a \$2,500 tax credit for the purchase of qualified PHEVs with a battery capacity of at least 4 kilowatthours. Starting at a battery capacity of 5 kilowatthours, PHEVs earn an additional \$417 per kilowatthour battery credit up to a maximum of \$5,000. The maximum total PHEV credit that can be earned is capped at \$7,500 per vehicle. The PHEV tax credit eligibility and phase-out are specific to an individual vehicle manufacturer. The credits are phased out once cumulative sales of qualified vehicles reach 200,000 vehicles. The phase-out period begins two calendar quarters after the first date in which a manufacturer's sales reach the cumulative sales maximum after December 31, 2009. The credit is reduced to 50 percent of the total value for the first two calendar quarters of the phase-out period and then to 25 percent for the third and fourth calendar quarters before being phased out entirely thereafter. The credit applies to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds.

ARRA also allows a tax credit of 10 percent against the cost of a qualified plug-in allelectric vehicle with a battery capacity of at least 4 kilowatthours. This credit is subject to the same phase-out schedule as PHEVs.

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ARRA creates a tax credit for low-speed or two- or three-wheel electric vehicles, such as motor scooters, purchased after Feb. 17, 2009, and before Jan. 1, 2012. The amount of the credit is 10 percent of the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum credit of \$2,500. To qualify, a vehicle must be either a low-speed vehicle that is propelled to a significant extent by a rechargeable battery with a capacity of at least 4 kilowatt hours or be a two- or three-wheeled vehicle that is propelled to a significant extent by a rechargeable battery with a capacity of at least 2.5 kilowatt hours.

EESA created a tax credit for vehicles that have at least four wheels and draw propulsion using a rechargeable traction battery with at least four kilowatt hours of capacity. For 2009, the minimum credit is \$2,500 and the credit tops out at \$7,500 to \$15,000, depending on the weight of the vehicle and the capacity of the battery.

During 2009, low-speed, four-wheeled vehicles manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways (neighborhood electric vehicles) may qualify both for the EESA credit and, if purchased after February 17, 2009, for the ARRA credit for low-speed electric vehicles. A taxpayer may not claim both credits for the same vehicle. Vehicles manufactured primarily for off-road use, such as for use on a golf course, do not qualify for either credit.

The Internal Revenue Service is working on guidance regarding certification procedures for both of these credits.

The bill permanently restores the electric vehicle credit for plug-in electric vehicles that would not otherwise qualify for the larger plug-in electric drive vehicle credit and provides a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits. No further information is yet available.

Plug-in Electric Drive Vehicle Credit (Section 1141): The new law modifies the credit for qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles purchased after Dec. 31, 2009. To qualify, vehicles must be newly purchased, have four or more wheels, have a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds, and draw propulsion using a battery with at least four kilowatt hours that can be recharged from an external source of electricity. The minimum amount of the credit for qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles is \$2,500 and the credit tops out at \$7,500, depending on the battery capacity. The full amount of the credit will be reduced with respect to a manufacturer's vehicles after the manufacturer has sold at least 200,000 vehicles.

Plug-In Electric Vehicle Credit (Section 1142): The new law also creates a special tax credit for certain low-speed electric vehicles (including those with two and three wheels). The amount of the credit is 10 percent of the

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cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum credit of \$2,500 for purchases made after Feb. 17, 2009, and before Jan. 1, 2012. To qualify, a vehicle must be either a low speed vehicle propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery with a capacity of 4 kilowatt hours or more or be a two- or three-wheeled vehicle propelled by an electric motor that draws electricity from a battery with the capacity of 2.5 kilowatt hours. A taxpayer may not claim this credit if the plug-in electric drive vehicle credit is allowable.

Conversion Kits (Section 1143): The new law also provided a tax credit for plug-in electric drive conversion kits. The credit is equal to 10 percent of the cost of converting a vehicle to a qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle and placed in service after Feb. 17, 2009. The maximum amount of the credit is \$4,000. The credit does not apply to conversions made after Dec. 31, 2011. A taxpayer may claim this credit even if the taxpayer claimed a hybrid vehicle credit for the same vehicle in an earlier year.

EQUALIZATION OF PARKING AND TRANSIT TAX-FREE EMPLOYER BENEFITS AT \$230 FOR 2009

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years. This provision would equalize the tax-free benefit employers can provide for transit and parking. The proposal sets both the parking and transit benefits at \$230 a month for 2009, indexes them equally for 2010, and clarifies that certain transit benefits apply to federal employees.

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Community Development

RULES AFFECTING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT BONDS WILL BE CHANGED TO IMPROVE MARKETABILITY. BUILD AMERICA (TAX CREDIT) BOND.

Implementation: Credits a tax credit bond in lieu of a tax-exempt bond. Tax-exempt bonds result in approximately 20% in savings. These tax credit bonds result in a 35% savings for the lender.

In determining the portion of interest, the expense that is allocable to investments in tax-exempt municipal bonds is taken into consideration. Tax credit bond differ from tax-exempt bonds in two-ways: (1) interest paid on tax credit bonds is taxable; and (2) a portion of the interest paid on tax credit bonds takes the form of a Federal tax credit. The Federal tax credit offsets a portion of the cash interest payment that the State or local government would otherwise need to make on the borrowing. This choice can be made by states and municipalities in 2009 and 2010. This will

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allow states and municipalities to receive direct payment from the Federal government equal to the subsidy that would have otherwise been delivered through the Federal tax credit for bonds.

Build America Bonds provide a deeper federal subsidy to state and local governments (equal to 35 percent of the taxable borrowing cost) than traditional tax-exempt bonds and because of this federal subsidy payment, state and local governments will have lower net borrowing costs. Also, this feature should make such Build America Bonds attractive to a broader group of investors than typically invest in more traditional state and local tax-exempt bonds.

A simple example: If a state or local government were to issue a Build America Bond and paid to the bondholder \$100 of interest on the bond, the Treasury Department would make a payment directly to the state or local government of \$35. Thus, the state or local government's net interest expense would be only \$65 on a bond that actually pays \$100 to the bondholder.

The capital projects these bonds would fund include work on public buildings, courthouses, schools, transportation infrastructure, government hospitals, public safety facilities and equipment, water and sewer projects, environmental projects, energy projects, government housing projects and public utilities.

The IRS has released Notice 2009-26 to provide state and local governments with prompt guidance on implementation of the new direct federal subsidy payment procedures for Build America Bonds so that issuers can begin issuing these bonds with confidence about how these federal payments will be made. This guidance covers the direct federal subsidy payment procedures regarding:

- how (on new IRS Form 8038-CP available now) and when (by 45 days before an interest payment date) to request these payments;
- when the IRS will begin making these payments (July 1, 2009);
- how to make necessary elections to issue these bonds (in writing in an issuer's books and records);
- how to satisfy the information reporting requirement for these bonds (modified IRS Form 8038-G); and
- future implementation plans (electronic platform in 2010).

Governmental issuers of Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds must submit [Form 8038-CP](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8038cp.pdf) (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8038cp.pdf>)

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<http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/article/0,,id=206034,00.html>

\$100 MILLION FOR TREASURY GRANTS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CDFI) SERVICES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUPS

Implementation: \$90 million will be made available to Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) under the Financial Assistance (FA) component of the CDFI Program, \$8 million will be made available under the Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) Program, and \$2 million will be used to fund administrative costs incurred by the CDFI Fund.

In FY 2009, the CDFI Fund anticipates it will make approximately \$145 million in FA awards. The CDFI plans to increase the size of FA awards to as large as \$2 million. The fund will also allow for additional consideration of those with applications and allows for applications in 2009 which will likely be published in the next 30 days with instructions to apply under the reopened FA round. More information concerning these application procedures is available on the website below.

These awards, made available through the Recovery Act, will support loan funds, credit unions, banks, venture capital firms and other financing entities in serving our nation's most underserved populations and communities.

Contact: CDFI Fund's dedicated helpdesk line, 1-202-622-6350.
Questions can also be sent by email to RecoveryAct@cdfi.treas.gov.

The CDFI Fund has an automated email service available, which will send you an email whenever the CDFI Fund has an update. Follow this link https://service.govdelivery.com/service/multi_subscribe.html?code=USTREA_SCDFI to register for this service.

Website: <http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery>
<http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/implementationplan.pdf>

\$10 BILLION "NEW MARKETS TAX CREDITS" (NMTC) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 2008 AND 2009

Implementation: The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs). Substantially all of the qualified equity investment must in turn be used by the CDE to provide investments in low-income communities. The credit provided to the investor totals 39 percent of the cost of the investment and is claimed over a seven-year credit allowance period. In each of the first

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three years, the investor receives a credit equal to five percent of the total amount paid for the stock or capital interest at the time of purchase. For the final four years, the value of the credit is six percent annually. Investors may not redeem their investments in CDEs prior to the conclusion of the seven-year period.

Bill authorizes additional funding for the 2008 and 2009 allocation rounds. Apply through the Community Financial Institutions Fund.

The 2008 application round closed in March 2008 and will not be soliciting new applications, but will provide awards to additional organizations that applied under the 2008 round and were highly rated by did not receive awards due to the limited availability of allocations. The CDFI fund anticipates 30 new awards will be made and they will be announced May of 2009.

The 2009 application round is currently open and applications are due April 8, 2009. With the additional \$1.5 million in allocation authority, the CDFI fund anticipates making approximately 100 awards to CDEs totaling \$5 billion, and intends to make those awards in October of 2009.

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(202) 622-6355

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[HTTP://WWW.CDFIFUND.GOV/WHAT_WE_DO/PROGRAMS_ID.ASP?PROGRAMID=5](http://WWW.CDFIFUND.GOV/WHAT_WE_DO/PROGRAMS_ID.ASP?PROGRAMID=5)

\$25 BILLION OF BONDS FOR A NEWLY CREATED ECONOMIC RECOVERY ZONE BOND TO SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN IMPOVERISHED AREAS, ETC...

Implementation:

\$15 billion is for traditional tax exempt bonds with a an expanded list of potential uses. The remaining \$10 billion is for tax rebate bonds that will rebate 45% of tax.

Municipalities receiving an allocation of these bonds would be permitted to use these bonds to invest in infrastructure, job training, education and economic development in areas that has significant poverty, unemployment or home foreclosures. The Treasury Department will be designating the applicable areas shortly.

Section 1401 of ARRA added § 1400U-2 to the Code to authorize state and local governments to issue Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment). These bonds are treated as qualified bonds for purposes of § 6431 and they have a deeper refundable credit subsidy than Build America Bonds (Direct Payment) equal to 45 percent of the total coupon interest payable to investors in these taxable bonds. In particular, § 1400U-2(b) defines the term “recovery zone economic development bond” to mean a bond that is issued as part of an issue that meets the following requirements: (1) the bond is a Build America Bond; (2) the bond is issued before January 1, 2011; (3) 100 percent of the excess of (i) the available project proceeds (as defined in § 54A to mean sale proceeds

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of such issue less not more than two percent of such proceeds used to pay issuance costs plus investment proceeds thereon), over (ii) the amounts in a reasonably required reserve fund (within the meaning of § 150(a)(3)) with respect to such issue, are to be used for one or more “qualified economic development purposes” (as defined in § 1400U-2(c)); and (4) the issuer designates such bond for this purpose.

The Treasury Department and the IRS expect to issue separate guidance on Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment), including guidance on the allocation of the \$10 billion national bond volume cap for these bonds.

Subject to updated IRS information reporting forms or procedures, an issuer of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment) must report the issuance of the bonds on IRS Form 8038-G, *Information Return for Tax-Exempt Governmental Obligations*. The Form 8038-G with respect to an issue must be filed with the IRS at least 30 days before the first Form 8038-CP is filed to request payment with respect to an interest payment date for that issue, except that, for bonds issued before July 1, 2009 only, such Form 8038-G may be filed less than 30 days before the filing of the first Form 8038-CP provided the form 8038-G is filed separately from and prior to the filing of Form 8038-CP. Issuers should not attach a Form 8038-G to a Form 8038-CP. Issuers of these bonds with an issue price of less than \$100,000 should file a Form 8038-G in accordance with the instructions contained in this Notice instead of filing a Form 8038-GC, *Information Return for Small Tax-Exempt Governmental Bond Issues, Leases and Installment Sales*.

An issuer of Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds (Direct Payment) must check Line 18, “Other”, on the form and insert “Recovery Zone Economic Development Bond (payment option)” on the line provided. Issuers must attach a separate schedule that indicates the type of bond issue that would normally be entered on Lines 11 to 18, i.e., education, health and hospital, transportation, public safety, environment (including sewage bonds), housing, utilities or other (with description for “other” category).

In addition, issuers of these bonds must attach a schedule to the Form 8038-G which contains the information described below for the bond issue.

(1) For fixed-rate bonds, attach a complete debt service schedule, titled “Fixed Rate Bond – Debt Service Schedule,” that provides a list of each interest payment date, the total interest payable on such date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, the credit payment expected to be requested from the IRS on such date, and the earliest date that bonds can be called.

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(2) For variable rate bonds, attach a debt service schedule, titled “Variable Rate Bond – Debt Service Schedule,” that provides a list of each interest payment date, the total principal amount of bonds expected to be outstanding on such date, and a description of how interest on the bonds is computed.

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\$143 MILLION FOR TAX BREAKS FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING INVESTORS

Implementation: Tax -credits for construction of low-income housing. To receive credits, builders must apply through PA Housing Finance Agency. See website.

Contact: 717.780.3800.

Website: <http://www.phfa.org/developers/developer/lihtc.aspx>

A 3% WITHHOLDING ON PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS WILL BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR

Implementation: The provision would delay for one year (through December 31, 2011) the application of the three percent withholding requirement on government payments for goods and services in order to provide time for the Treasury Department to study the impact of this provision on government entities and other taxpayers.

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\$9.877 BILLION FOR NEW “QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS” TAX CREDIT BONDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Implementation: The stimulus created a new category of tax credit bonds, Qualified School Construction Bonds for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities or for the acquisition of land on which a public school facility will be constructed. The federal government will pay all the interest on the loans. The stimulus set a national limit of \$22 billion (\$11 billion allocated initially in 2009 and the remainder allocated in 2010) on the amount of qualified school construction bonds that may be issued by State and local governments.

The guidance provides for division of the \$11 billion national bond volume authorization for 2009 among the states and 100 largest school districts based on levels of Federal school funding.

Contact: Application can be made through
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management Division of School Facilities
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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-35.pdf>

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\$1.4 BILLION TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN 2009 AND 2010, WHICH CAN BE USED FOR QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (QZABS) TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS, EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, DEVELOPING COURSE MATERIAL, AND TRAINING TEACHERS AND PERSONNEL AT A QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY.

Implementation: The stimulus allowed an additional \$1.4 billion of QZAB issuing authority to State and local governments in 2009 and 2010, which can be used to finance renovations, equipment purchases, developing course material, and training teachers and personnel at a qualified zone academy. In general, a qualified zone academy is any public school (or academic program within a public school) below college level that is located in an empowerment zone or enterprise community and is designed to cooperate with businesses to enhance the academic curriculum and increase graduation and employment rates. QZABs are a form of tax credit bonds which offer the holder a Federal tax credit instead of interest.

Interest on these bonds will be paid by the federal government through tax credits to the bondholder. The bondholders are allowed to apply the credits to their federal corporate income tax or alternative minimum tax liability.

Eligibility:

- Public schools that are either located in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community or in which at least 35 percent of the school's students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the federal lunch program.
- Public schools that have an education program designed in cooperation with business and receive a private business contribution that is not less than 10 percent of the net present value of the proceeds of the bonds; or
- Public schools that have an education plan that is approved by their school districts and in which students are subject to the same standards and assessments as other students in the district.

The guidance provides for division of the \$1.4 billion national bond volume authorizations for each of 2008 and 2009 among the states based on poverty levels.

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Website: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/qualifiedzone/index.html>
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Individuals & Families

**\$116.199 BILLION FOR \$400 “Making Work Pay” PAYROLL TAX CREDIT FOR WORKERS
EARNING UP TO \$75,000; MARRIED COUPLES FILING JOINTLY GET \$800 FOR INCOME UP TO
\$150,000**

Implementation: Taxpayers can receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax that is withheld from their paychecks, or through claiming the credit on their tax returns for 2009 and 2010. This tax credit would be calculated at a rate of 6.2% of earned income.
Families should see at least a \$65 dollar per month increase in their take home pay. The credit will phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$75,000 for other workers, and thus is fully phased out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$190,000 for married workers and \$95,000 for other workers.

This translate into 2.5 billion to 4.8 million Pennsylvanian families.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>
New withholding tables: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1036.pdf>

**\$4.663 BILLION FOR INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR WORKING FAMILIES WITH
MORE THAN THREE CHILDREN**

Implementation: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming on tax returns, effective for December 31, 2008.
Under current law, working families with two or more children currently qualify for an earned income tax credit equal to forty percent (40%) of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income. This credit is subject to a phase-out for working families with adjusted gross income in excess of \$16,420 (\$19,540 for married couples filing jointly). The bill would increase the earned income tax credit to forty-five percent (45%) of the family's first \$12,570 of earned income for families with three or more children and would increase the beginning point of the phase-out range for all married couples filing a joint return (regardless of the number of children) by \$1,880.

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**\$5.074 BILLION SO BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO MORE QUICKLY DEDUCT THE COST OF
INVESTMENTS IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FROM THEIR TAXABLE INCOME**

Implementation: Businesses are allowed to recover the cost of capital expenditures over time according to a depreciation schedule. Last year, Congress temporarily allowed businesses to recover the costs of capital expenditures made in 2008 faster than the ordinary depreciation schedule would allow by

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permitting these businesses to immediately write-off fifty percent of the cost of depreciable property (e.g., equipment, tractors, wind turbines, solar panels, and computers) acquired in 2008 for use in the United States. The law extended this temporary benefit for capital expenditures incurred in 2009.

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\$14.83 BILLION FOR INCREASED ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUNDABLE CHILD TAX CREDIT, WITH ALL INCOME OVER \$3000 QUALIFYING

Implementation: Taxpayers will receive this credit by claiming on tax returns, effective for December 31, 2008.

The bill would increase the eligibility for the refundable child tax credit in 2009 and 2010. For 2008, the child tax credit is refundable to the extent of 15 percent of the taxpayer's earned income in excess of \$8,500. The bill would reduce this floor for 2009 and 2010 to \$3,000.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204335,00.html?portlet=6>

\$13.907 BILLION FOR TAX CREDIT OF UP TO \$2500 FOR TUITION AND COLLEGE EXPENSES

Implementation: Creates a new "American Opportunity" tax credit that so that individuals can deduct tuition and related expenses (i.e. books). Under this new tax credit, taxpayers will receive a tax credit based on one hundred percent (100%) of the first \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year and twenty-five percent (25%) of the next \$2,000 of tuition and related expenses paid during the taxable year. This tax credit will be subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$80,000 (\$160,000 for married couples filing jointly).

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\$6 MILLION FOR COMPUTERS AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY WILL QUALIFY FOR INCLUSION IN TAX-ADVANTAGED SAVINGS PLANS AS A "QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSE"

Implementation: Section 529 Education Plans are tax-advantaged savings plans that cover all qualified education expenses, including: tuition, room&board,

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mandatory fees and books. The act provides that computers and computer technology qualify as qualified education expenses.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96341,00.html>

\$6.638 BILLION FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS INCREASES FROM \$7500 TO \$8000, AND WILL NOT HAVE TO BE REPAID

Implementation: Applies to property purchased in 2009; and included on the tax return for the 2009 tax year.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=187935,00.html>

\$1.684 BILLION FOR TAXPAYERS EARNING LESS THAN \$125,000 CAN DEDUCT SALES AND EXCISE TAXES PAID ON NEW CARS

Implementation: Provides a deduction for State and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, recreational vehicles, and motorcycles through 2009. This deduction is subject to a phase-out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income in excess of \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return).

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\$4.74 BILLION FOR \$2400 OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX

Implementation: The act temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2400 are still subject to federal income tax. This is in effect for the taxable year 2009.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=187935,00.html>

\$69.759 BILLION FOR MIDDLE-INCOME TAXPAYERS GET AN EXEMPTION FROM THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX OF \$46,700 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$70,950 FOR A MARRIED COUPLE

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=187935,00.html>

\$1.6 BILLION FOR TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF PROGRAM PROVIDING INCOME SUPPORT AND TRAINING BENEFITS FOR WORKERS WHO LOSE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF OUTSOURCING OVERSEAS.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

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Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$14.225 BILLION FOR ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF \$250 FOR RETIREES, DISABLED PEOPLE, (SOCIAL SECURITY INSURANCE) SSI RECIPIENTS, RAILROAD RETIREES AND DISABLED VETERANS

**ADULT SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS, WHO WILL BE RECEIVING
\$250 ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENTS IN MAY 2009**

<i>STATE</i>	<i>Retired Workers</i>	<i>Disabled Workers</i>	<i>Widow(er)s</i>	<i>Spouses</i>	<i>Total Adult Beneficiaries</i>
Pennsylvania	1,582,886	324,948	245,281	123,248	2,276,363*

*\$29.68 million in SSI payments to constituents of the Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District.

Implementation: **No Action is Required.** Eligibility: \$250 payment to each individual who is eligible for disability or SSI payments during the 4-month period prior to date of the enactment of this Act. **When you will receive:** The Secretary of the Treasury shall commence disbursing payments under this section at the earliest practicable date but in no event later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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Website: <http://ssa.gov/payment/>

\$26.96 BILLION FOR EXTENSION OF JOBLESS BENEFITS FOR UP TO 33 WEEKS.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$8.8 BILLION FOR INCREASE IN WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BY \$25.

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$2.975 BILLION FOR GRANTS FOR STATES MODERNIZING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COVERAGE AMONG LOW-WAGE, PART-TIME AND OTHER WORKERS

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$1.1 BILLION FOR WAIVER ON INTEREST PAYMENTS AND ACCRUAL IN INTEREST ON LOANS HELD BY STATE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUNDS

Implementation: Applies to 2009 and 2010 tax years.

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Website: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

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\$21 MILLION FOR EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BY 13 WEEKS FOR RAILROAD WORKERS

Local Contact: Unemployed Compensation Service Center; 1-888-313-7284

Website: www.paworkforce.state.pa.us

\$2.418 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PAYMENTS (TANF)

Local Contact: Department of Public Welfare; Delaware County Assistance Office
Headquarters

701 Crosby Street Suite A

Chester, PA 19013-6099

Phone: 610-447-5500

Website: <https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/compass/CMHOM.aspx>

\$319 MILLION FOR EXTRA AID TO STATES WITH HIGH POPULATION GROUP OR INCREASED POVERTY FOR TANF PAYMENTS

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\$24.749 BILLION FOR 65% SUBSIDY FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS TO CONTINUE PAYING PREMIUMS FOR FORMER EMPLOYER'S HEALTH PLAN FOR NINE MONTHS (COBRA)

Implementation: Under the new provision, an assistance eligible individual is generally an individual (1) who is a qualified beneficiary as the result of an involuntary termination during the period from September 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009, (2) who is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage at any time during that period, and (3) who elects the coverage. Group health plans must generally treat assistance eligible individuals who pay 35 percent of the premium otherwise payable for COBRA continuation coverage as having paid the full amount of the premium. The employer (or, in certain circumstances, the multiemployer health plan or the insurer) is reimbursed for the other 65 percent of the premium that is not paid by the assistance eligible individual through a credit against its payroll taxes.

The premium reduction applies as of the first period of coverage beginning on or after February 17, 2009 (the date of enactment of ARRA). An assistance eligible individual is eligible for the premium reduction for up to nine months from the first month the premium reduction provisions of section 3001 of ARRA apply to the individual. The premium reduction period ends if the individual becomes eligible for coverage under any other group health plan or for Medicare benefits.

The premium reduction does not extend beyond the period of COBRA continuation coverage. An individual receiving the premium reduction who becomes eligible for coverage under any other group health plan or Medicare is required to notify the group health plan of eligibility for that other coverage. If the individual fails to notify the group

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health plan, the individual is subject to a tax penalty of 110 percent of the premium reduction improperly received after eligibility for the other coverage.

Under ARRA, an employer may allow an assistance eligible individual to elect coverage different from the coverage under the plan in which such individual was enrolled prior to the involuntary termination, and the premium reduction will apply with respect to such different coverage. (This does not change the basic requirement under Federal COBRA that a group health plan must allow a qualified beneficiary to elect to continue the coverage in which the individual is enrolled as of the qualifying event.) If offered, the assistance eligible individual has 90 days after receiving notice of the option to elect the other coverage. The premium for coverage offered under this option cannot exceed the premium for the coverage the individual had prior to the involuntary termination. In addition, the coverage offered under this option must be coverage offered to active employees and cannot be coverage that provides only dental, vision, counseling (or some combination), a flexible spending arrangement under section 106(c) of the Code, or coverage that provides coverage through an on-site medical facility maintained by the employer that consists primarily of first-aid, prevention and wellness care, or similar care, or a combination of such care.

ARRA provides an extended election period for certain individuals who did not have an election of COBRA continuation coverage in effect on February 17, 2009 (the date of enactment). The election is available for individuals who would be assistance eligible individuals if they had a COBRA continuation coverage election in effect (that is, as the result of an involuntary termination on or after September 1, 2008). This extended election period is for 60 days after the qualified beneficiaries are provided notice of the extended election period. The resulting COBRA continuation coverage extends no longer than the original maximum period required (as measured with respect to the qualifying event) and begins with the first period of coverage beginning on or after February 17, 2009. The extended election period applies to a group health plan subject to the Federal COBRA requirements and to temporary continuation coverage under the FEHBP, but not to State continuation coverage requirements.

Local Contact: Department of Public Welfare; COBRA Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industries 1-888-313-7284
Department of Labor 1-866-444-3272

Website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-09-27.pdf>.
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=204709,00.html>
www.dli.state.pa.us
<http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/newsroom/fsCOBRAPremiumReduction.html>

Business

\$805 MILLION FOR BUSINESSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO RECOVER ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CREDITS FASTER

Implementation: Extends through 2009, the temporary allowance of business to accelerate the recognition of a portion of their historic AMT or research and development (R&D) credits in lieu of bonus depreciation. The amount

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that taxpayers may accelerate is calculated based on the amount that each taxpayer invests in property that would otherwise qualify for bonus depreciation. This amount is capped at the lesser of six percent (6%) of historic AMT and R&D credits or \$30 million.

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\$41 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO WRITE-OFF UP TO \$250,000 OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION

Implementation: Applies to purchases made in 2009; and included on the tax return for the 2009 tax year.

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\$947 MILLION FOR UNPROFITABLE SMALL BUSINESSES WITH ANNUAL GROSS RECEIPTS OF LESS THAN \$15 MILLION CAN RECOUP TAXES PAID IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, UP FROM TWO YEARS

Implementation: The bill extends the carry-back from two years to five years but limits it to small businesses with gross receipts of \$15 million or less.

To accommodate the change in tax law, the IRS updated the instructions for two key forms – Forms 1045 and 1139 -- that small businesses can use to make use of the special carryback provision for tax year 2008. These forms are used to accelerate the payment of refunds.

The new provision enables small businesses with a net operating loss (NOL) in 2008 to elect to offset this loss against income earned in up to five prior years. Typically, an NOL can be carried back for only two years. The IRS released legal guidance today in Revenue Procedure 2009-19 outlining specific details. Some taxpayers must make the election to use this special carryback by April 17, 2009.

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Small businesses with large losses in 2008 may be able to benefit fully from those losses now, rather than waiting until claiming them on future tax returns.

The normal two-year carryback remains available if the small business does not elect the special carryback provision. If the loss exceeds the income for the carryback period, the taxpayer can continue to carry forward the remaining balance of the NOL for up to 20 years.

For small businesses that use a fiscal year, this special carryback may be used for an NOL in either a tax year that ends in 2008 or a tax year that begins in 2008. Once a taxpayer makes this election, it may not be changed.

To qualify for the new five-year carryback provision, a small business must have no greater than an average of \$15 million in gross receipts over a three-year period ending with the tax year of the NOL. Businesses with more than \$15 million in gross receipts still qualify to carry back their 2008 NOL for two years.

There are several methods that a small business uses to elect the new provision as detailed in the Revenue Procedure.

If a small business previously elected to waive the carryback of 2008 NOL but now wants to elect this special carryback, the small business may revoke its previous election to waive the carryback. The election revocation must be made on or before April 17, 2009.

Generally small businesses that are not corporations (including sole proprietorships filing schedule C with their Form 1040) may accelerate a refund by using Form 1045, Application for Tentative Refund.

Corporations with NOLs may also accelerate a refund by using Form 1139, Corporation Application for Tentative Refund.

The IRS will be closely monitoring these filings and will provide additional staff as needed to process these forms. The IRS will work to issue refunds within 45 days or even earlier to the degree possible.

In addition, Frequently Asked Questions have been posted on the IRS.gov web site.

Form 1045 or Form 1139, whichever the taxpayer uses, generally must be filed within one year after the end of the tax year of the NOL. In addition,

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the current year's tax return must be filed by the date the Form 1045 or Form 1139 is filed. Form 1045 and Form 1139 are filed at the same place the taxpayer's return is filed, as listed on the return instructions.

Accelerated refunds paid via Form 1045 or Form 1139 is described as "tentative" because the applications for refunds are potentially subject to review at a later date. Form 1045 Instructions and Form 1139 Instructions on www.irs.gov provide more information on the accelerated refund option.

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Net Operating Loss questions

- Small businesses that file Form 1040 can call 1-800-829-1040
- Corporations can contact 1-800-829-4933

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\$1.622 MILLION SO COMPANIES WILL BE ALLOWED TO DEFER TAXES FOR FIVE YEARS ON SEVERAL TRANSACTIONS AIMED AT RESTRUCTURING BALANCE SHEETS, AND REPAY THE TAXES OVER THE FOLLOWING FIVE YEARS

Implementation: Under current law, a taxpayer generally has income where the taxpayer cancels or repurchases its debt for an amount less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of cancellation of debt income ("CODI") is the excess of the old debt's adjusted issue price over the repurchase price. Certain businesses will be allowed to recognize CODI over 10 years (defer tax on CODI for the first four or five years and recognize this income ratably over the following five taxable years) for specified types of business debt repurchased by the business after December 31, 2008 and before January 1, 2011.

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\$231 MILLION SO BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO CLAIM A TAX CREDIT FOR 40% OF THE FIRST \$6000 OF WAGES PAID TO UNEMPLOYED VETERANS OR 16-25-YEAR-OLDS HIRED

Implementation: Under the current law, businesses are allowed to claim a work opportunity tax credit equal to 40 percent of the first \$6,000 of wages paid to employees of one of nine targeted groups. The bill would create two new targeted groups of prospective employees: (1) unemployed Veterans; and (2) disconnected youth. An individual would qualify as an unemployed Veteran if they were discharged or released from active duty from the Armed Forces during the five-year period prior to hiring and received unemployment compensation for more than four weeks during the year before being hired. An individual qualifies as a disconnected youth if they are between the ages of 16 and 25 and have not been regularly employed or attended school in the past 6 months. Applied to 2009 and 2010 tax years

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<http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/article/0,,id=177948,00.html>

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\$829 MILLION SO SMALL BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO EXCLUDE 75% OF THE GAIN FROM THE SALE OF SOME STOCK HELD MORE THAN FIVE YEARS

Implementation: This change is for stock issued after the date of enactment and before January 1, 2011

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\$415 MILLION FOR TAXABLE CORPORATIONS CONVERTING INTO S CORPORATIONS WILL HAVE A 7-YEAR HOLDING PERIOD FOR ASSETS SUBJECT TO BUILT-IN GAINS TAX, FROM 10 YEARS

Implementation: The bill would temporarily reduce this holding period from ten years to seven years for sales occurring in 2009 and 2010

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**RAISES \$6.977 BILLION FOR RESTORING TOUGHER RULES ON TAXPAYERS CLAIMING LOSSES
INCURRED BY A COMPANY BEFORE THEY BOUGHT IT IS PROJECTED TO RAISE MONEY**

Implementation: Permanent Repeal of tax rules which liberalized rules in the tax code that
are intended to prevent taxpayers that acquire companies from claiming
losses that were incurred by the acquired company prior to the taxpayer's
ownership of the company.

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**\$203 MILLION FOR MANUFACTURING FACILITIES PRODUCING "INTANGIBLE PROPERTY" SUCH
AS PATENTS CAN QUALIFY FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS**

Implementation: Applies to bonds issued in 2009 and 2010

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<http://www.va.gov/recovery/>
<http://www1.va.gov/oamm/oa/dbwva/index.cfm>

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\$1 BILLION FOR NON-RECURRING MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING ENERGY PROJECTS, TO ADDRESS DEFICIENCIES AND AVOID SERIOUS MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS AT THE 153 VA HOSPITALS.

Implementation:

Local Information: The Veterans Administration has identified a number of area projects:

- Philadelphia VA Medical Center
 - \$4.75 million to renovate the emergency department
 - \$250 thousand for design work to construct a new computer room
 - \$466,440 to upgrade the boiler plant controls
 - \$1.15 billion to upgrade behavioral health clinic
 - \$35 thousand to do the design work for a renovation and modernization of the dental lab.
- Coatesville VA Medical Center
 - \$1.7 million to renovate the pharmacy
 - \$410 thousand to upgrade boiler plant controls
 - \$1.75 to upgrade and replace electrical distribution system
- Other Pennsylvania locations
 - \$4.1 million to construct new consolidated rehabilitation services in Lebanon
 - \$315 thousand to renovate the Cath Lab in Wilkes-Barre
 - \$3.3 million to renovate patient check-in and appointment area in Lebanon
 - \$250 thousand to install chiller in Lebanon
 - \$1.57 million to renovate bathrooms for American Disability Act Compliance
- Wilmington VA Medical Center
 - \$2.2 million to upgrade and renovate the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
 - \$2.75 million to upgrade secondary electrical distribution system.
 - \$450 thousand to replace elevator (\$50,000 in design)
 - \$466,400 upgrade and boiler plant equipment
 - \$2.2 million to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system.

Website: <http://www1.va.gov/oamm/oa/dbwva/index.cfm>

\$50 MILLION FOR NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION FOR MAINTENANCE. THESE FUNDS WILL ENABLE THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION TO WORK TOWARD AN ESTABLISHED SET OF CEMETERY STANDARDS OF APPEARANCE THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM.

Implementation: Not yet available

Local Implementation:

- \$100,000 to repair the Soldiers Memorial at Prospect Hill Cemetery in York, PA
- \$290,000 to repair memorials at Finn's Point Cemetery in Salem, NJ
- \$60,729 to repair administration building HVAC system at Indiantown Gap Cemetery
- \$80,000 to replace administration building glass windows and doors at Indiantown Gap Cemetery

\$150 MILLION FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES FOR A TEMPORARY INCREASE IN CLAIMS PROCESSING STAFF

Implementation: Not yet available

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\$50 MILLION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE AUTOMATION OF BENEFITS PROCESSING.

Implementation:

- \$46,925,000 to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) (www.massolant.navy.mil/) to provide the necessary resources and support.
- \$1,075,000 to provide on-going life cycle solution management and maintenance support for the solution.
- \$500,000 for additional IT staff to support field station and program management personnel in planning and administration.
- \$1.5 million for partial funding for the required network upgrades to stabilize the Veterans Benefits Administration network. Redesign continues with the upgrade of DS3 circuits at all regional offices and selected outbased sites.
- \$100,000 for modifications to the existing application in the Veterans Service Network (VETSNET), VA's primary Compensation and Pension payment system.

\$150 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST STATES TO ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT STATE NURSING HOME AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES AND TO REMODEL, MODIFY, OR ALTER EXISTING HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES IN STATE HOMES, FOR FURNISHING CARE TO VETERANS.

Implementation: Not yet available

Local Implementation: The VA estimates \$17.109 million grant to go for a 112-bed domicile replacement with 8 additional beds in Spring City, PA (FAI No. 42-021)

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\$160 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR AMERICORPS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Implementation: Information available on the website or by calling 866-431-2792

Contact: (202) 606-5000

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

\$40 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR NATIONAL SERVICE TRUST VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Implementation: Information will be available on the website or by calling 866-431-2792

Contact: (202) 606-5000

Website: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/about/recovery/index.asp>

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\$4 BILLION FOR CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND & \$2 BILLION FOR THE DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (The Commonwealth will receive \$156 million for Clean Water projects and \$65 million for Clean Drinking Water projects.)

Implementation: Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PennVEST) will administer these funds with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection serving as the secondary agency.

Application Deadline: May 18, 2009

Who is Eligible:

Owners or operators of publicly or privately owned drinking water systems - for a definition of eligible systems "Public water systems," see: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/watersupply/cwp/view.asp?a=1450&q=512599#PWS>

\$65 million available, at least 50 percent in grants.

Examples of traditional projects are:

- Improved water filtering and treatment
- Water storage tank installation and repairs
- Water distribution line repairs and extensions

Owners or operators of public wastewater systems. \$155 million available, at least 50 percent in grants. Examples of traditional projects are:

- Elimination of malfunctioning septic systems and wildcat sewers
- Wastewater treatment plant upgrades
- Elimination of system overloads due to combined stormwater and sanitary sewer systems

"Green Infrastructure projects" – at least 20 percent of each fund

Drinking water:

Eligible applicants – same as above.

Eligible projects – include but not limited to:

- Installation of water meters
- Purchase of leak detection equipment
- Energy efficiency – retrofits and upgrades to pumps and treatment processes
- Installation of water efficient fixtures, fittings, equipment and appliances

Wastewater/Storm water ("Water Quality"):

Eligible applicants – same as above, plus public, private and non-profit entities, such as nature conservancies and conservation districts.

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Installation of porous pavement, green roofs and other approaches to managing wet weather run-off
- Street tree and urban forestry programs
- Installation of riparian buffers and wetlands

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- Downspout disconnection programs to eliminate stormwater from combined sewer systems
- Water reuse programs including the differential use of water
- Decentralized wastewater treatment solutions
- Energy efficiency – retrofits and upgrades to pumps and treatment process
- Producing clean energy on-site at treatment works

How to Apply:

All applications are submitted on-line at PENNVEST's website www.pennvest.state.pa.us To start on the application process, click on "What's Hot", then review the information provided for eligibility and application directions. Click on the hyperlink to the Online Funding Request and create an account with PENNVEST if you do not already have one. This will get you into our system and start you on creating your on-line application.

Federal Contact: EPA Region III - 1-800-438-2474

Pennsylvania Contact: PennVEST Region III (general number 717-783-8618)

Contact Person: Anne Cavender

717-783-3493, acavender@state.pa.us

Department of Environmental Protection

Contact Person: Veronica Kasi

717-772-4053, ybkasi@state.pa.us

Paul Marchetti, Executive Director

(717) 783-4496

pmarchetti@state.pa.us

Website: www.epa.gov/recovery or

<http://www.pennvest.state.pa.us/pennvest/site/default.asp>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/eparecovery/>

\$100 MILLION FOR CLEAN-UP OF 'BROWNFIELD' FORMER INDUSTRIAL SITES

Implementation: \$5 million available for Job Training Grants under the Recovery Act. On March 19th, the EPA issued a request for applications from eligible governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to provide environmental job training projects that will facilitate job creation in the assessment, remediation, or preparation of brownfields sites for sustainable reuse. The closing date for receipt of applications was April 20, 2009.

Remaining funds will be awarded to eligible entities through assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants.

Cites funded in Pennsylvania:

Central Bradford Progress Authority, Sayre Borough, PA	Cleanup of Former Sayre Railyards site	\$200,000
Central City, PA	Cleanup	Broad Avenue property \$200,000

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Johnstown Redevelopment Authority, PA	Assessment	Community-wide	\$360,000
Montgomery County Community College, Pottstown, PA	Cleanup	Old PECO Building	\$200,000
North Side Industrial Development Co., Allegheny County, PA	Assessment	Assessment Coalition	\$900,000
Steeltown, PA	Assessment	Community-wide Petroleum	\$200,000

Contact: Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (<http://epa.gov/oswer>)
Region III - 215-814-3231

Christine Lombard – Job Training Grants - 617-918-1305
EPA Region III – Brownfield Coordinator
Mr. Tom Stolle - 215-814-3129 - Stolle.tom@epa.gov

Website: www.epa.gov/recovery
<http://www.epa.gov/owsver>
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm#arc>
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

\$600 MILLION FOR CLEANUP OF HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC WASTE (SUPERFUND) SITES

Implementation: While EPA is still making decisions about which specific Superfund projects will receive stimulus funding, overall, EPA plans to use the funds to start long-term cleanup projects and to accelerate ongoing construction projects at sites listed on the National Priorities List.

EPA has announced that Havertown Superfund Site will receive up to \$5 million to be used for excavating contaminated soil and put in additional groundwater-treatment wells.

EPA is making decisions about which projects to fund based on consideration of a variety of factors. For example, EPA is considering factors such as:

- Human and ecological risk;
- Jobs created or maintained; and
- Construction readiness.

EPA anticipates that the benefits of applying stimulus funds to the Superfund program will include:

- Creation of new jobs and maintenance of existing jobs;
- Investment in new or accelerated long-term construction projects that, in addition to directly generating jobs, would also increase demand for construction materials; and
- Increasing the speed with which some sites are returned to productive use.

Contact: Region III - 1-800-438-2474

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Website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/eparecovery/index.html>

\$300 MILLION TO SUPPORT CLEAN DIESEL ACTIVITIES (DIESEL EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM)

Implementation: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides \$88 million in new funding to support clean diesel grant and loan programs administered by states and the District of Columbia. These programs are designed to achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation. This program is referred to as the Recovery Act Funding for the State Clean Diesel Grant Program. EPA's National Clean Diesel Campaign has awarded \$86.5 million for clean diesel activities to 49 states and the District of Columbia.

Pennsylvania	Department of Environmental Protection	School Buses; Medium Duty Trucks; Heavy Duty Trucks; Cargo Handling
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The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides \$30 million in new funding to support projects that reduce diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation through the creation of national, state or local innovative financial program(s). The Request for Applications (RFA) closed on April 28, 2009, and EPA is evaluating the applications.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides \$20 million in new funding to support projects that reduce diesel emissions and maximize job creation and preservation through the creation of national, state or local innovative financial program(s). The application deadline is now closed.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) provides \$156 million in new funding for the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program to support the implementation of verified and certified diesel emission reduction technologies. The Request for Applications (RFA) closed on April 28, 2009, and EPA is evaluating the applications. A separate competitive announcement for the FY 2009 National Diesel Emissions Reduction Program Appropriation funds will be issued later in 2009.

Federal Contact: Margo T. Oge, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
(202) 564-1682

US Environmental Protection Agency
National Clean Diesel Campaign - OAR/OTAQ/CISD
2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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Regional Contact: Region III - 1-800-438-2474
State Contact: Kelly Heffner, Director of Policy
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
717-772-3612, kheffner@state.pa.us
Website: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/index.htm>
www.epa.gov/recovery or
<http://www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm>

**\$600 MILLION FOR CLEANUP OF PETROLEUM LEAKS FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS
(LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST)**

Implementation: The website will contain updated information. The vast majority of money EPA receives will go to state and territorial underground tank programs through grant agreements.
Money can only be used either to: (1) Oversee cleaning up underground tank leaks, or (2) Directly pay for cleaning up leaks from federally regulated tanks where the responsible party is unknown, unwilling, unable, or the cleanup is an emergency response.
Contact: Region III - 1-800-438-2474
Website: www.epa.gov/recovery

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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<http://www.gsa.gov/>

\$5.55 BILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR AND ENERGY ALTERATIONS TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Implementation: To be made largely through normal federal contracting procedures. See the website.
Website: www.fedbizopps

\$300 MILLION FOR PURCHASE OF FUEL EFFICIENT VEHICLES FOR FEDERAL FLEET

Implementation: To be made largely through normal federal contracting procedures. See the website.
Website: www.fedbizopps

NATIONAL AERONAUTIC & SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)
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<http://www.nasa.gov/>

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<http://www.recovery.gov/>

\$1 BILLION FOR SHUTTLE CONSTRUCTION, CLIMATE RESEARCH, AERONAUTICS, AND REBUILDING OF FACILITIES DAMAGED IN 2008 FLOODS.

Implementation: \$400 million is allocated to Science to develop supercomputing capabilities of the Tier 1 set of Earth Science climate research missions. \$150 million is allocated to systems-level research in aviation safety, environmental impact mitigation, and the Next Generation Air Transport System (NextGen). \$500 million is specified for cross-agency support to restore NASA owned facilities damaged in hurricanes and other natural disasters during 2008. \$400 million is dedicated to exploration.

Website: www.fedbizopps.gov or
<http://www.nasa.gov/recovery/index.html>

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS (NEA)

<http://www.nea.gov/>

\$50 MILLION FOR GRANTS TO FUND ARTS PROJECTS IN NON-PROFIT SECTOR FACILITIES

Implementation: 40% of the money will go directly to the states (Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA)); the remaining 60% will be distributed as competitive grant programs which will be modified to fit the purpose of the bill (to save jobs).

Grant guidelines posted to website:

<http://www.arts.gov/news/news09/nea-announces-recovery-programs.html>

Deadlines differ for state agencies or regional art organizations and nonprofit arts organization.

Contact: Robert Frankel 202-682-5400 (NEA), 717-787-6883 (PCA)

Website: <http://www.arts.gov/recovery/>, <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/>

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

www.nsf.gov

\$2.5 BILLION FOR RESEARCH

Implementation: NSF will fund projects through the existing funding streams, not through the ARRA unique process. More information can be found online at NSF.gov

Contact: NSF Resource Desk, (703) 292-5111

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

\$400 MILLION CONSTRUCTION OF NEW RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

Implementation: Not yet available.

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

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<http://www.recovery.gov/>

\$2.5 BILLION FOR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Implementation: NSF will fund projects through the existing funding streams, not through the HR1 unique process. More information can be found online at NSF.gov

Contact: NSF Resource Desk, (703) 292-5111

Website: <http://www.nsf.gov/recovery/>

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.sba.gov/>

<http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html>

\$651 MILLION FOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOANS TO BUSINESSES AND \$69 MILLION EXTRA MONEY FOR SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISBURSEMENT OF LOANS

Implementation: The SBA has established teams to develop a detailed implementation plan tackle a wide variety of issues, including policy decisions, system modifications, regulatory changes, legal requirements, reporting requirements, and new program launches. Additional information, as it becomes available, will be posted on the News website

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

Contacts: Philadelphia District Office
1150 First Avenue, Suite 1001
King of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 382-3062

\$375 MILLION FOR TEMPORARY FEE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION

Implementation: Most SBA loan fees are eliminated or reduced through September 2010 on certain loans. The loan guarantee can be raised from the current levels to as much as 90 percent. At present, SBA can guarantee loans up to 85 percent on loans up to \$150,000 and up to 75 percent on loans greater than \$150,000.

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\$225 MILLION FOR BUSINESS STABILIZATION LOANS

Implementation: Creates a new SBA loan program to provide deferred-payment loans to up to \$35,000 to viable small businesses that need the money to make payments on an existing, qualified loan for up to six months. These loans

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will be 100% guaranteed by SBA. Repayment would not have to begin until 12 months after the loan is fully disbursed.

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\$30 MILLION FOR SBA MICROLOANS

Implementation: Provides for \$30 million for expanding SBA's Microloan program, which provides small loans up to \$35,000. This amount is enough to finance up to \$50 million in new lending and \$24 million in technical assistance grants to microlenders.

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Microlenders: <http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbapartners/microloan/index.html>

RAISE SBA LOAN GUARANTEES

Implementation: Raise to as high as 90% the SBA guarantee of certain loans.

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/news/index.html> or <http://www.sba.gov/recovery/>

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RAISE SBA LOAN GUARANTEES

Implementation: Raises the maximum contract amount that can be covered by an SBA guaranteed surety bond from \$2 million to \$5 million, and, under certain circumstances, for contracts amounting to \$10 million.

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\$375 MILLION FOR 7(A) LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Implementation: To ensure small businesses maintain access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition, or expansion of an existing business, SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible and the SBA may guarantee the loan up to 90%

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Website: www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a
Contacts: Philadelphia District Office
1150 First Avenue, Suite 1001
King of Prussia, PA 19406
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\$375 MILLION FOR 504 LOAN PROGRAM

Implementation: To ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 504 loans may be used for purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.

Website: www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504
Contacts: Philadelphia District Office
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King of Prussia, PA 19406
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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

http://www.si.edu/

\$25 MILLION FOR “FACILITIES CAPITAL” FOR REPAIR AND REVITALIZATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Implementation: Not yet available.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

http://www.ssa.gov/

\$500 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW NATIONAL COMPUTER CENTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Implementation: GSA will first conduct search for property, then seek contractors.
Contact: For Small Businesses: to Apply for Funding to Provide Construction Services Contact: GSA Office of Design and Construction
Phone: (202) 501-1888
Website: <http://www.gsa.gov/Portal/gsa/ep/home.do?tabId=1>

\$500 MILLION FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROCESS DISABILITY AND RETIREMENT CLAIM BACKLOGS

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<http://www.recovery.gov/>

Implementation: The backlog in processing disability claims exceeds 570,000 cases; As many as 5,000 to 6,000 new positions could be filled with the funds. To apply for employment, please visit their website.

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CONTRACTING

For contracting information with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, visit <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/> or call 717-787-5733

TRANSPORTATION

\$1.4 BILLION TO REPAIR AGING ROADS BY COUNTY

<u>Implementation:</u>		Estimated value of contracts
	Chester County	
	State Street Bridge Removal	\$1.5 million
	Chester Valley Trail Phase 1	\$7.15 million
	US 30 Preservation	\$ 6 million
	Montgomery County	
	US 422 Preservation	\$17.84 million
	Interstate 76/Henderson Rd Ramps	\$14.5 million
	Flourtown-Erdenheim Improvement	\$2.4 million
	Interstate 476 Roadway Rd Construction	\$33.6 million
	Mont Co. Curb Ramps	\$2.4 million
	Delaware County	
	I-95 ITS Extension	\$17.5 million
	Del Co. Curb Ramps	\$8.15 million
	PA 252 at Whitehorse Rd.	\$120,000
	Brookhaven Borough Curb Ramps	\$432,000
	Traffic Signal Upgrade	\$120,000

EDUCATION

- Creates a \$53.6 billion state stabilization fund to help prevent education-related layoffs and restore harmful cuts to education funding, including :

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- \$40.6 billion to local school districts using existing funding formulas, which can be used for preventing cutbacks, preventing layoffs, school modernization, or other purposes;
- \$5 billion to states as bonus grants for meeting key performance measures in education; and
- \$8.8 billion to states for high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services, which may include education and for modernization, renovation, and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities.

\$40.6 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES TO BALANCE EDUCATION BUDGETS, PREVENT CUTBACKS AND MODERNIZE SCHOOLS – INCLUDING \$1.6 BILLION TO PENNSYLVANIA

Implementation: Governor announced launch of website www.recovery.pa.gov with detailed listings of money allocated in Pennsylvania.

Website: www.governor.state.pa.us

\$5 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES IN FORM OF BONUS GRANTS FOR MEETING KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES IN EDUCATION

Implementation: Governor announced launch of website www.recovery.pa.gov with detailed listings of money allocated in Pennsylvania.

Website: www.governor.state.pa.us

\$8 BILLION FOR AID TO STATES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRITICAL SERVICES, which may include education and for modernization, renovation, and repairs of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities

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Website: www.governor.state.pa.us